



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

**TO:** Mayor & City Council  
**FROM:** Council Member Keith Blocker  
**COPIES TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney  
**SUBJECT:** **Resolution – Council Contingency Fund Request to Support the Tacoma Urban League Empowerment Awards – October 11, 2022**  
**DATE:** September 29, 2022

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**I ask for your support for a \$5,000 Council Contingency Fund expenditure to support the Tacoma Urban League Empowerment Awards.**

**LEGISLATIVE INTENT:**

**Council Contingency Fund Request:** Born out of the civil rights movement, the Tacoma Urban League has always been there for African Americans and other marginalized community members in the South Puget Sound. For more than 50 years, the Tacoma Urban League has provided services, training, and advocacy to build social and economic equality among Black people and other people historically marginalized in South Puget Sound.

The Empowerment Awards are an opportunity to recognize programs and partners that are addressing the needs of the Tacoma community. The Hope level sponsorship supported by this request will allow Tacoma Urban League to support its programs year round. These programs help address the particular needs of our Black and marginalized communities and support the City in our strategic goals.

**FUNDING REQUESTED:**  
\$ 5,000

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ (CUSTOMER RESEARCH):**

The Tacoma Urban League works closely with Black and marginalized communities across Tacoma, including partnerships through the NAACP, and the Pierce County Black Collective to understand and address the needs of their communities. The programs that this funding will support address the needs identified by members and communities to remove barriers to their success.

**2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

**Equity and Accessibility:**

The Tacoma Urban League focuses particularly on Black communities, and other marginalized communities, to address their unique concerns and challenges. By addressing challenges and removing barriers to success, the Tacoma Urban League is playing a role in dismantling and rebuilding systems to ensure equity for all Tacomans.

**Livability:** *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity  
Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

**Civic Engagement:** *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of residents who participate civically through volunteering and voting.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s)?

The Tacoma Urban League provides volunteer and civic engagement opportunities to work with organizations and government across Tacoma to address the needs of a thriving community.

Through volunteer effort and programming, the Tacoma Urban League helps the Tacoma community meet livability goals as set out in Tacoma 2025.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1. Do not fund program	More funding available for emerging priorities in 2022	NA
2. Increase funding to program	Additional funds available to meet the Tacoma Urban League Mission	Less funding available for future emerging needs in 2022

**EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:**

Tacoma Urban League staff will update City staff on attendees and impact of the Empowerment Awards following the event. Staff will also have regular communications to understand the ongoing impact of the Tacoma Urban League.

**SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The sponsors recommend that the requested funding be passed to support the Tacoma Urban League's Empowerment Award Dinner and ongoing efforts to create a more livable Tacoma.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$5,000 from the Council Contingency Fund.

If you have a question related to the Council Contingency Fund Request, please contact Claire Goodwin at (253) 219-0679 or [claire.goodwin@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:claire.goodwin@cityoftacoma.org).

**SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:**



**Council Member Blocker**

**SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)**

(Signatures demonstrate support to initiate discussion and consideration of the subject matter by City Council for potential policy development and staff guidance/direction.)

1.  **POS# Mayor**

2.  **POS# 6**

## 2022 Council Contingency Commitments

<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>
<b>(Remaining balance from 2021 that will be carried over)</b>	<b>\$ 88,592.09</b>
<b>Council Requested - Seed Internships</b>	<b>\$ 31,000.00</b>

Resolution 40919

A Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$31,000 to fund the full or partial costs of five or more Tacoma-based small businesses or non-profits of hosting a Seed Internship.

<b>Council Requested - Daffodil Parade</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>
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Resolution 40925

A resolution authorizing the one-time use of \$20,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to be applied to the cost of in-kind services provided by the City of Tacoma such as traffic control devices and traffic control services.

<b>Council Requested - Tacoma Reads</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
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Resolution 40934

A request for City Council concurrence for a \$10,000 City Council Contingency Fund request to support the 2022 Tacoma Reads Together events.

<b>Council Requested - Tacoma Refugee Choir</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>
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Resolution 40941

A Council Contingency Fund expenditure for \$25,000 to assist the Tacoma Refugee Choir in funding the music video portion of their 2022 spring projects.

<b>Council Requested - Litter Free 253</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
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Resolution 40940

A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$2,500 to fund litter pick-up tools "litter grabbers," for the annual volunteer-led Litter Free 253 event.

<b>Council Requested - South Sound Together</b>	<b>\$ 12,000.00</b>
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Resolution 40948

A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$12,000 to fund grants that support community engagement programs sponsored through South Sound.

<b>Council Requested - Multicultural Childcare Center</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
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Resolution 40986

A Council Contingency Fund request to purchase infant formula to support the Multicultural Childcare Center formula drive.

<b>Council Requested - LGBTQIA+ Pride Painting</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
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Resolution 40994

A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$2,500 to fund three LGBTQIA+ Pride painting projects including temporary rainbow crosswalks, permanent rainbow bricks, and temporary rainbow barriers.

<b>Council Requested - Mayors Innovation Project Summer Conference in Tacoma</b>	<b>\$ 6,500.00</b>
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Resolution 41000

A \$6,500 Council Contingency Fund expenditure to sponsor the Mayors Innovation Project Summer Conference in Tacoma.

<b>Council Requested - Safe Youth Awareness Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 35,000.00</b>
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Resolution 40995

A resolution authorizing the one time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$35,000, to fund the partial costs to develop and implement an eight-week Safe Youth Awareness Campaign beginning in July 2022.

<b>Council Request - Korean Association Tacoma Building Renovation</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
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Resolution 41004

Council Contingency Fund expenditure to support the Korean Association of Tacoma building renovation.

<b>Council Requested - Peace Bus "Every Kid Eats" Summer Program</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
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Resolution 41015

Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$2,500 to support the Peace Bus and the "Every Kid Eats" summer program

<b>Council Requested - Hilltop Street Fair</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
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Resolution 41018

Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$10,000 to fund entertainment and arts programming at the 2022 Hilltop Street Fair sponsored by the Hilltop Business Association.

<b>Council Requested - UWT Celebrando Comunidad 2022 -Latinx Celebration and Awards</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
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To Study Session September 13, 2022

Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$5,000 to support the 2nd Annual University of Washington Tacoma Celebrando Comunidad: Latinx Celebration and Awards.

<b>Council Requested - Tacoma Urban League Empowerment Awards</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
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To Study Session October 4, 2022

Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$5,000 to support the Tacoma Urban League Empowerment Awards.

<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>\$ 338,592.09</b>
<b>Total Amount Allocated</b>	<b>\$ 182,000.00</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$ 156,592.09</b>