



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

TO: Tacoma City Council
FROM: Mayor Victoria Woodards and Chief Policy Analyst Bucoda Warren
COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney
SUBJECT: **Resolution – Council Contingency Fund Request to sponsor the Mayor’s Youth Commission of Tacoma 2023 Youth Summit**
DATE: March 8, 2023

I ask for your support for a \$5,000 Council Contingency Fund expenditure to sponsor the Mayor’s Youth Commission of Tacoma Youth Summit 2023.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT:

Council Contingency Fund Request: The Mayor’s Youth Commission of Tacoma (youth commission) was formally established by Resolution 40502 in December of 2019 after a year of outreach and development with youth on what they would want to see in a youth-focused commission. Since then, the Youth Commission has engaged with students and organizations across Tacoma to address topics such as youth mental health, climate change, public safety in schools, and leadership development.

The youth commission has worked closely with contracted partners through the Foundation for Tacoma Students who has provided general support, facilitation, and education for the youth commission. Since the Foundation’s inaugural “Charting our Future” Conference in 2021, the youth commission has hosted a panel or learning track specifically for youth to engage. This year the youth commission will host a half day summit on May 5th with multiple learning paths for youth following participation in the “Charting our Future” conference on May 4th.

The theme for the Youth Summit is “Joy & Action!” The youth commission will bring 5-8 youth from each of the Tacoma Public Schools together to share leadership opportunities, educate and inspire one another through interactive sessions. Four learning sessions are designed and facilitated by the four Committees of the youth commission. The sessions will focus on themes of social justice, health & safety, education, arts & culture, and environmental justice & climate.

The funding will assist the youth with securing an additional room at the convention center for their sessions and activities during the Summit. The funding will also support materials and food, including photography, development of a news Zine from the artwork and photos taken of performances and youth at the Summit, and recruitment materials for the youth commission to be shared with participants and sent out to schools.

FUNDING REQUESTED:
\$ 5,000

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ (CUSTOMER RESEARCH):

The Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma focuses on outreach to historically underrepresented communities to ensure all students can engage in civic conversations and leadership opportunities. Through their outreach they are inviting students from all Tacoma Public Schools to get a variety of experiences and voices in the room to have these discussions.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**Equity and Accessibility:**

The youth commission is focused on engaging in projects and programs that support anti-racism work and encourages courageous conversations and efforts to support marginalized communities in Tacoma. The sessions during this summit will focus on themes of social justice, health & safety, education, arts & culture and environmental justice & climate.

Education: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of quality out of school time learning opportunities distributed equitably across the city.

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 youth commission has continued to provide opportunities for youth to engage government and volunteer in various capacities. This summit will provide a highly visible opportunity to engage leaders across the district and push recruitment efforts to provide opportunities to students year-round.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1.Do not fund this request	More funds available in the contingency fund for emerging issues.	The youth commission will be unable to fully utilize the convention center, provide support and recruitment materials, or food for students during the summit.
2.increase funding for this request	Additional budget available for expanded outreach and workshop materials.	Less funding available in the contingency fund for emerging issues.

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:

Following the conclusion of the summit, sponsors and staff will meet with youth commissioners to learn of their experience and how they will incorporate that into the commission's work moving forward.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend approval of this request to support our youth.

FISCAL IMPACT:


\$5,000 from the Council Contingency Fund.

If you have a question related to the Council Contingency Fund Request, please contact Chief Policy Analyst Bucoda Warren at 253-318-0594 or bwarren@cityoftacoma.org.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: Mayor Victoria Woodards

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)

1.  POS# 3

2.  POS# 6

2023 Council Contingency Commitments

2023-2024	\$	225,000.00
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Resolution 41151

Council Requested - South Sound Together	\$	12,000.00
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Council Contingency Fund expenditure for \$12,000 to fund the City of Tacoma Membership / Sponsorship on the South Sound Together 2023 Board.

Resolution 41150

Council Requested - Welcoming Interactive Conference Participation Sponsorship	\$	4,800.00
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Council Contingency Fund expenditure for \$4,800 to fund two Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs' Members and a Council Member Participation in the 2023 Welcoming Interactive Conference

To Council March 21, 2023

Council Requested - Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma Youth Summit 2023	\$	5,000.00
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Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$5,000 to sponsor the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma 2023 Youth Summit

To Study Session March 14, 2023

Council Requested - Raising Girls Care Package Initiative	\$	10,000.00
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Council Contingency Fund expenditure for \$10,000 to fund the Raising Girls Non-Profit Organization's "One Bag Drive" to support the creation and distribution of 500 care bags with essential hygiene items to youth and young adults in Tacoma.

To Study Session March 14, 2023

Council Requested - Wheelstops	\$	12,500.00
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Contingency Fund of \$12,500 expenditure to install wheelstops along South D street, from S. 72nd to S. 74th on the east side of the street.

Starting Balance	\$	225,000.00
Total Amount Allocated	\$	44,300.00
Current Balance	\$	180,700.00