



**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 Poverty to Possibilities Summit**  
**DATE:** September 6, 2023

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**I ask for your support for a \$5,000 Council Contingency Fund expenditure to sponsor the Poverty to Possibilities Summit.**

**LEGISLATIVE INTENT:**

**Council Contingency Fund Request:**

Now in its seventh year, From Poverty to Possibilities brings the community together to disrupt poverty at its roots. This summit creates a safe space for the community to have an open dialogue on how to dismantle the systems of exclusion. From these relationships a new narrative has evolved, and systems are more open to change. This year's summit will continue to focus on how organizations and advocates can deconstruct the narrative with those in poverty and move towards disrupting the systems that create barriers for those in poverty.

By addressing the interconnected issues affecting children and families in our community, we are ensuring that families are stronger, individuals gain stability and kids are more successful. One organization alone can't solve our community's toughest problems. Moving the needle on challenging, complex issues like poverty requires individual and cross-sector collaboration that are focused on results. United Way can and does facilitate that work--one family at a time.

The City of Tacoma and the United Way Pierce County are already great partners in this work to shift narratives and break down barriers through Growing Resilience in Tacoma, the City's guaranteed Income Pilot. This work is the embodiment of the efforts and conversations through the Poverty to Possibilities Summit, and is a great example of the work and partnerships that can come from this summit.

**FUNDING REQUESTED:**

\$ 5,000

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

United Way of Pierce County guides regional cooperation to eliminate poverty and has stated a bold goal of lifting 15,000 households out of poverty by 2028 and moving them into financial stability. United Way continues to maintain regular outreach to its participants and partners to ensure alignment of resources and programming to meet that goal.

**2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

**Equity and Accessibility:**

This summit creates a safe space for the community to have an open dialogue on how to dismantle the systems of exclusion. From these relationships a new narrative has evolved, and systems are more open to change. If organizations are going to shift the way things are done, we need to be in open and honest communication with partners and the community as we make those shifts.

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

Improving how systems talk about equity and address systemic issues will help us to be better partners and provide better service to the community. This summit allows us to engage in learning and dialogue to ensure we are centering equity and lived experience and asking ourselves the right questions as we implement programs.

**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, materials will be shared broadly with attendees and the public, and attendee numbers will be reported out.

**SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

We recommend approval of this request to support the summit and vital work to eliminate poverty.


**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](mailto:bwarren@cityoftacoma.org).**

**SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: Mayor Victoria Woodards**

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

1.  POS# 8



2. \_\_\_\_\_ POS#\_\_\_\_7\_\_\_\_

## 2023 Council Contingency Commitments

**2023-2024** \$ 225,000.00

**Resolution 41151**

**Council requested - South Sound together** \$ 12,000.00

A Resolution authorizing 2023 membership in South Sound Together, in the amount of \$12,000.

**Resolution 41150**

**Council Requested - Welcoming Interactive Conference Participation Sponsorship** \$ 4,800.00

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

**Resolution 41163**

**Council Requested - Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma Youth Summit 2023** \$ 5,000.00

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

**Resolution 41162**

**Council Requested - Raising Girls Care Package Initiative** \$ 10,000.00

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.

**Resolution 41161**

**Council Requested - Wheelstops** \$ 12,500.00

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.

**Resolution 41160**

**Council Requested - Khmer New Year Celebration** \$ 10,000.00

Council Member Bushnell provides the attached Council Action memorandum for a Resolution authorizing the use of \$10,000 of Council contingency funding to support the first annual Khmer New Year Celebration.

**Resolution 41173**

**Council Requested - Mi Centro's First Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Conference** \$ 20,000.00

A Council Contingency Fund expenditure to sponsor Mi Centro's First Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault conference for \$20,000.

**Resolution 41181**

**Together We End Gun Violence Conference** \$ 10,000.00

A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor the Together We End Gun Violence Conference.

**Resolution 41216**

**Mitigating Impact of City's Light Rail Investment** \$ 20,000.00

Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$20,000 to support efforts to mitigate the impact of the City's light rail investment for the Hilltop Street Fair and Stadium Business District events.

**Resolution 41217**

**City of Tacoma 2023 Juneteenth Celebration** \$ 2,500.00

Council Contingency Fund expenditure to sponsor the City's 2023 Juneteenth Celebration.

**Resolution 41215**

**Summer Coding Workshop Series Sponsorship** \$ 7,000.00

Council Contingency Fund expenditure of up to \$7,000 to sponsor the Summer Coding Workshop Series developed by the Lifelong Kindergarten group at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab and hosted by Tacoma Public Libraries.

**Resolution 41225**

**Buffalo Solider Museum Event Sponsorship** \$ 6,000.00

Council contingency fund expenditure of \$6,000 to sponsor the Buffalo Soldiers Museum's event, "Honoring Our Military Labor Force."

**Resolution 41246**

**2023 National Association of Local Boards of Health Conference Sponsorship** \$ 20,000.00

Resolution authorizing \$20,000 in Council contingency funds to sponsor the 2023 National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) conference.

**Resolution 41245**

**6th Avenue Business District's Art on the Avenue Festival** \$ 10,000.00

A resolution authorizing \$10,000 in Council contingency funds to support the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Business District's 2023 Arts on the Avenue event.

**To Study Session September 12, 2023**

**Historic Cushman Street Fair Sponsorship** \$ 8,000.00

Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$8,000 for the Historic Cushman Street Fair, sponsored by the North End Neighborhood Council (NENC).

**To Study Session September 12, 2023**

**Poverty to Possibilities Summit Sponsorship** \$ 5,000.00

A \$5,000 Council Contingency Fund expenditure to sponsor the Poverty to Possibilities Summit.

<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>225,000.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Allocated</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>162,800.00</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>62,200.00</b>