



**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

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 summit will not have the full funding needed to be successfully implemented, and the City will not be present as a sponsor and partner.
2.increase funding for this request	Additional budget available to expand event offerings or direct to programming and learning.	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.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: Mayor Victoria Woodards

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)

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2. _____ POS#____7____