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**SUBJECT:** Heritage Funding Grant Program Update  
**DATE:** November 16, 2015

**SUMMARY:**

On November 16, 2015, staff will provide an update on the development of a heritage grant program that was authorized and funded by City Council on June 16, 2015. The briefing will cover the granting process, criteria, anticipated timeline and key program elements.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Tacoma does not currently provide financial support to community heritage organizations, such as the Tacoma Historical Society, Historic Tacoma, the Job Carr Museum, and others. By providing support, the City can enhance the current efforts of these types of community organizations, thus raising awareness of our local history and furthering the goals of historic preservation in Tacoma.

To this end, the City Council authorized a one-time expenditure of \$50,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to be used for a heritage grant program, which will be awarded to community nonprofit organizations and public entities on a competitive basis in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000, using the Landmarks Preservation Commission as the public review process for making grant determinations.

The grants will primarily be focused on educational activities, events, displays, and curation that relate directly to the history of Tacoma. The grant funds will not be awarded for operating expenses and overhead, property acquisition, or fundraising activities.

The program is expected to be formally announced in January 2016, with review and awards to take place in March-April. At the Committee briefing, staff will provide an overview of the proposed program details.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for this program has already been allocated by Council.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.