



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)**

TO: Deputy Mayor & City Council
FROM: Mayor Victoria Woodards and Chief Policy Analyst Melanie Harding
COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney; Executive Leadership Team; File
SUBJECT: **Council Contingency Request: \$6,500 to provide Tacoma residents with tools to address and manage the impacts of exploitation and sexual assault**
DATE: November 7, 2018

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Councilmember Ushka, Councilmember Hunter, and I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda at the earliest available meeting of the Study Session:

Consideration of a Council Contingency Request of \$6,500 to provide Tacoma residents with tools to address and manage the impacts of exploitation and sexual assault and direct staff to negotiate a contract with non-profit organization Rock, Paper, Scissors to provide the services described below.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

The “Me Too” Movement, founded in 2006 by Tarana Burke, was created to address both the lack of resources for survivors of sexual violence and to build a community of advocates, driven by survivors, at the forefront of creating solutions that interrupt the sexual violence happening in their communities. The Me Too Movement became part of the national dialogue last October, when the related hashtag (#metoo) went viral, accompanied by the stories of women coming forward to share their stories of sexual harassment, violence, and assault. Since that time, the news has continued to be punctuated by stories of sexual assault and harassment at local, state, and national levels.

The Council Contingency Requests for \$6,500 would be allocated according to a proposal provided by the City Manager and Neighborhood and Community Services Director. The funding would provide up to 100 Tacoma residents with tools to address and manage the impacts of exploitation and sexual assault through a community event which will:

- Specifically target women who have dealt with sexual assault on the job, in the military, in school, or in church;
- Connect women, including survivors, in dialogue on prevention, intervention, and overcoming sexual assault;
- Provide access to community experts, such as psychologist, medical doctors, legal professionals, counselors, advocates, and survivors through panel discussion;
- Provide attendees with sexual assault and human trafficking resource guides and book; and
- Teach participants what to do when assault and abuse occur and how to manage the impacts.

We hope these dollars will begin to address the lack of resources available, acknowledge the deep impact that these traumatic events have on the lives of Tacoma residents, and provide support for residents who have experienced sexual assault or harassment. Additional information is outlined in the attached memorandum from staff.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.
- Encourage thriving residents with abundant opportunities for life-long learning.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT PATH:

☐ **Request for policy development and legislation**

This item is best aligned with the purview of the following Council Standing Committee (refer to Council Standing Committee Process Manual):

☐ Community Vitality and Safety

☐ Economic Development

☐ Government Performance and Finance ☐ Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability

☒ **Request for Resolution**

☐ **Is there a specific deadline for this request?** *(Note: All Council Consideration Requests will be expedited as soon as possible)* Click here to enter a date.

Please provide a brief explanation of deadline. _____

FUNDING REQUESTED:

☒ **Council Contingency Fund Request** *Please provide the Council Contingency Fund Biennial Budget Document if this request is for the use of this fund.

Does the request require some other type of funding? ☒ One-time ☐ Ongoing

In you have a question related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Melanie Harding at 253-591-5156 or Melanie.Harding@cityoftacoma.org.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:

Victoria R. Woodards
Mayor

SUPPORTING COUNCILMEMBERS 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.)

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2017-2018 Council Contingency Commitments

2017-2018 Biennium Budget	\$ 500,000
Hilltop Regional Health Center (\$50K 2017, \$50K 2018)	\$ 100,000
<i>Resolution No. 39693 (03/28/2017)</i> <i>To support the Hilltop Regional Health Center expansion, contingent upon the Center securing sufficient funds for building renovations and expansion</i>	
Developing an Anchor Institutions Strategy	\$ 50,000
<i>Resolution No. 39701 (04/18/2017)</i> <i>To develop an anchor institutions strategy to complete a comprehensive study to align current planning efforts, identify gaps, and achieve Tacoma 2025 related goals</i>	
Sister Cities Events for Festival of Sail Delegation	\$ 12,000
<i>Resolution No. 39747 (6/13/2017)</i> <i>For expenses related to events for visiting Sister Cities' delegations during the Festival of Sail 2017</i>	
Retail Enhancement Strategy Contract	\$ 25,000
<i>Resolution No. 39776 (08/8/2017)</i> <i>Contract for \$25,000 to develop a Downtown retail enhancement study and recruitment strategy.</i>	
Affordable Housing Public and Private Asset Review and Mapping	\$ 10,000
<i>Resolution No. 39790 (8/22/2017)</i> <i>Contract with Forterra for \$10,000 for a comprehensive review and mapping of public and private land that could be utilized for affordable housing.</i>	
Tacoma Reads Together Events	\$ 15,000
<i>Resolution No. 39817 (9/19/2017)</i> <i>Funding to cover contract with author and to cover community events expenses</i>	
Immigrant Legal Defense Fund	\$ 50,000
<i>Resolution No. 39849 (10/24/17)</i> <i>Subfund creation for deportation hearing defense of immigrants w/o resources and legal Counsel.</i>	
Tacoma Housing Authority Landlord Incentive Pilot	\$ 50,000
<i>Resolution No. 39876 (11/28/17)</i> <i>Project pilot offering incentives to landlords accepting THA housing vouchers</i>	
Citizens' Forum Pilot Project	\$ 25,000
<i>Resolution No. 39882 (12/12/17)</i> <i>Citizens' Forum pilot project; agreement with the Center for Dialog and Resolution.</i>	
2018 Race and Pedagogy Conference Youth Summit	\$ 10,000
<i>Resolution No. 39895 (12/12/17)</i> <i>10,000 sponsorship for UPS Youth Summit</i>	
2018 Refugee Choir Season	\$ 20,000
<i>Resolution No. 39901 (12/19/17)</i> <i>Sponsorship of the 2018 Tacoma Refugee Choir Season</i>	
Case Management Services Displaced Tiki Apartment Tenants	\$ 10,000
<i>Resolution No. 40003 (05/01/2018 walk on item)</i> <i>Services to align displaced Tiki Apartment residents w/ resources to secure housing</i>	

Neighborhood Business District Traffic Control Device Reimbursement	\$	10,000
<i>Resolution No. 40025 (6/5/2018)</i> <i>Reimburse NBDs for costs associated with traffic control devices for key events</i>		
Travel Expenses for All America City Award Competition	\$	10,000
<i>Resolution No. 40026 (6/5/2018)</i> <i>Travel expenses for community members attending the National Civic League Conference to participate in the All America City Award competition</i>		
Canoe Journey Sponsorship	\$	25,000
<i>Resolution No. 40066 (07/17/2018)</i> <i>Cash sponsorship for Puyallup Tribe Canoe Journey events</i>		
McKinley Hill Street Fair Barricades	\$	500
<i>Resolution No. 40087 (08/14/18)</i> <i>Paying for the cost of street barricades at the McKinley Hill Street Fair</i>		
2019 Women's Interfaith Conference	\$	10,000
<i>Resolution No. 40109 (09/18/18)</i> <i>Sponsorship of the conference in 2019</i>		
Total 2017-2018 Approved by City Council Through Legislation	\$	432,500
2017-2018 Biennium Budget Remaining	\$	67,500



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TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Linda Stewart, Director
SUBJECT: Council Contingency Funding Request for Exploitation and Sexual Assault Programming
DATE: October 26, 2018

Councilmember Ushka requested during the 10/16/18 City Council meeting that staff prepare information to support her request for funding that addresses the national concern around exploitation and sexual assault, and prepares Tacoma residents with tools to address inappropriate behavior.

Staff recommends the following proposal from Rock, Paper, Scissors, a non-profit organization. Upon your review and approval, staff will begin to negotiate the contract using Council Contingency funding.

Overview

Human Trafficking and Sexual Assault Awareness Event specifically targeting victims who have dealt with sexual assault on the job such as the military, the school system, and in the church. Rock, Paper, Scissors will teach participants what to do when an assault or abuse happens (prevention and intervention) and how to manage the impacts.

Goal

According to <http://www.sexualassaultcenter.com/victims-survivors/> 1 out of 3 women report being sexually assaulted. Through the awareness event, Rock, Paper, Scissors proposes to reduce these statistics by providing prevention through awareness, as well as providing resources for those who have experienced this trauma.

Target population is 75-100 women to gather and increase awareness and action around the issue of sexual assault and human trafficking. The dialogue will be around prevention, intervention and overcoming sexual assault/human trafficking. The women present will consist of sexual assault survivors/ and or advocates that have a heart for targeting sexual assault/abuse.

Rock, Paper, Scissors will market to: 1) local businesses that support this topic or who want to get more involved, 2) local Colleges (UWT, UPS, TCC), 3) resource centers, 4) sexual assault centers, 5) Crystal Judson Family Justice Center, 7) transitional housing, 8) shelters, and 9)



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churches. Rock, Paper, Scissors will pass out flyers, and use email and social media to RPS@rockpaperscissorsfoundation.org.

Rock, Paper, Scissors has handpicked phenomenal speakers and a dynamic panel made up of community experts; a psychologist, a doctor, and survivors of human trafficking and sexual assault.

The women attending, will not only be equipped and empowered but will receive the tools necessary to help transform their trauma and losses into personal growth, healing and a renewed sense of purpose.

Event Specifications

Event Budget Breakdown	
Guest count estimate: 75-100	
Speakers	\$2,000
Hotel	\$200
Attendee Gift Bag/Journal	\$400
Resource Guides/Books	\$500
Awareness Products/Shirts	\$1,000
Venue	\$1,500
Refreshments	\$300
Décor	\$100
Projector	\$100
Sound	\$100
Speaker Transportation	\$300
TOTAL	\$6,500

Tentative Speakers/panel:

Sari-Trafficking survivor: Testimony, spoken word

Kristal Clark-RPS: Our why

Victoria Woodards-Mayor: welcome (or Councilmember Ushka)

Dr. Becca C. Johnson: Keynote

Panel for Open dialogue:

Dr. Carolyn West, University of Washington



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Sarah Stanton, counselor and CR Lead

Bree Bowman / Life coach depression and anxiety (millennial view) trauma

Shaunda Weatherby, Nurse that deals with victims of domestic violence

Human Trafficking Survivor from Seattle

Kristal Clark Founder RPS / sexual assault advocate and Overcomer

Lawyer/district attorney (Tentative)

Artist Unknown: Live Music (empowering song)

Times: December 29, 2018 10am-2pm (4 Hours)

Location: Courtyard Square, Tacoma, WA