



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

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Deputy Mayor Keith Blocker, Council Member Kristina Walker, and Council Assistant Claire Goodwin

COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney

SUBJECT: JMAC Collaborative Transformation RFP

DATE: February 4, 2021

I ask for your support for a Council Contingency Fund expenditure.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT:

Council Contingency Fund Request: That \$6,000 be contributed by the City of Tacoma towards a Joint Municipal Action Committee (JMAC) sponsored RFP to provide consulting services to the group to better align the work of participating organizations and to run from January 25, 2021 through June 30, 2021. The total cost of the RFP (\$30,000) is to be shared among participating organizations (City of Tacoma, Pierce County, Metro Parks, Tacoma Public Schools, and the Port of Tacoma).

Background: Policymakers from JMAC discussed the problem of systematic racism being present in governmental systems and wishes to reimagine what a more equitable and anti-racist community looks like. The collective's current goal is to jointly plan, coordinate, and implement community initiatives and to avoid stand-alone efforts. This project aims to: 1) solicit outside expertise to facilitate discussions on how to use the COVID-19 pandemic as a catalyst to identify and prioritize collaborative opportunities; 2) develop "common language" and expectations between policymakers and staff to enable JMAC to work more effectively and efficiently; and 3) develop a process that illustrates how multiple public jurisdictions can better serve the same residents by better integrating projects and initiatives for greater collective impact and increased sustainability. The City's Heal the Heart of Tacoma will be used as a guide to leverage and apply the best collective impact approach to JMAC's project.

Deliverables include the following:

- Development of a new governance doctrine that defines roles and responsibilities, establishes a model for governing, and clarifies the relationship between JMAC and Tacoma area public agencies.
- Development and implementation of a pilot project that bolsters the collective JMAC capacity, aligns existing resources, and demonstrates an equitable approach.
- An asset map of community reform efforts and COVID-19 opportunities and constraints.
- The convening of an event among regional leaders to consolidate knowledge from the assessment and take stock of what it reveals.

Problem Statement: The problem to be solved is a lack of clear cohesion among participating JMAC organizations on how best to work together to promote the health and safety of residents with a racial-equity lens and to identify where the mutually beneficial, multi-jurisdictional opportunities reside.

FUNDING REQUESTED: \$ 6,000

ALIGNMENT WITH TACOMA 2025 KEY FOCUS AREAS:

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

Improve health outcomes and reduce disparities, in alignment with the community health needs assessment and CHIP, for all Tacoma residents

If you have a question related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Claire Goodwin, Council Assistant, at (253) 591-5164 or claire.goodwin@cityoftacoma.org.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: Council Member Kristina Walker

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS 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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Mayor's initials:

