



City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

TO: Hyun Kim, City Manager
FROM: Bucoda Warren, Chief Policy Analyst
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$1,000, to sponsor the Juneteenth Prayer Breakfast. – Requested for June 16
DATE: June 10, 2026

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$1,000, to sponsor the Juneteenth Prayer Breakfast.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Anders Ibsen

BACKGROUND:

This event serves as the civic cornerstone of Juneteenth: A Road to Economic Freedom, setting the tone for Washington State’s largest Juneteenth celebration. Held on the morning of June 19 at the LeMay Car Museum, the Breakfast brings together community leaders, residents, businesses, and organizations to reflect on the significance of Juneteenth and recommit to the values of justice, unity, opportunity, and shared prosperity. Through remarks, recognition of community leadership, and fellowship, the event honors the legacy of emancipation while highlighting the ongoing work required to advance equity and economic opportunity for all.

This year’s themes of freedom, economic justice, accountability, and hope, underscore the importance of creating pathways to economic mobility and strengthening partnerships that support thriving communities. These themes carry forward throughout the broader Juneteenth celebration, which welcomes more than 20,000 attendees, features nationally recognized performing artists, and showcases hundreds of small businesses, entrepreneurs, nonprofits, and community partners.

Sponsorship of this event supports critical event logistics and programming while demonstrating the City’s commitment to recognizing Juneteenth as both a celebration of freedom and a call to action. By supporting the Breakfast, the City helps foster meaningful community dialogue, elevate the contributions of Black residents and businesses, and set the stage for a day dedicated to unity, economic empowerment, and community connection.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

The Juneteenth Breakfast is organized through extensive collaboration between community leaders, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and public sector partners. The event serves as a gathering space for residents, stakeholders, and elected officials to reflect on the significance of Juneteenth and engage in dialogue about economic opportunity, equity, and community well-being. As the opening event of the region’s largest Juneteenth celebration, the Breakfast helps strengthen relationships across sectors and fosters meaningful community connection and participation. The city of Tacoma leans on our community leaders who have done the engagement, outreach, and collaboration to design a leading Juneteenth event in Washington.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

The Juneteenth Breakfast advances the City’s commitment to equity by recognizing the history, contributions, and ongoing experiences of Black communities while creating space for dialogue, celebration, and economic



empowerment. The event is designed to be accessible to a broad cross-section of the community and supports inclusive participation by bringing together residents, community organizations, businesses, and civic leaders to foster understanding, opportunity, and belonging.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

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

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

Large community events like this, especially being one of the largest celebrations in the state helps to demonstrate Tacoma as a thriving and active community, improving the pride people feel in their community and the overall safety and quality of life that residents and visitors feel when in Tacoma.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1.Do not fund this request	More funding available for emergent issues.	Council will not be demonstrating their financial support this event.
2.Adjust funding for this request.	Could allow for more support for logistics and event support, adding to the event itself.	Less funding available for future issues.

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:

Staff will work with organizers to keep appraised on updated to the prayer breakfast and the greater Juneteenth celebration for opportunities to engage and further support this community celebration. Staff and Council will also have the opportunity to attend the events and see the events in action.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend adoption of this resolution to sponsor the upcoming prayer breakfast recognizing Juneteenth.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1. 1030 – Council Contingency Fund	660000	5412010	\$1,000
2.			
TOTAL			\$1,000

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium’s current budget?

YES



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The Council contingency fund is budgeted each biennium for unplanned expenses and community support such as this request.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

No

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

No

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

No

ATTACHMENTS:

- Council Contingency Fund Tracker

Contingency Commitments 2026

Resolution Number	Funding Amount
Resolution 41859 Oasis Center	\$30,000.00
Council Contingency Fund request of \$30,000 to fund the Oasis Youth Center’s HIV and STI self-testing for LGBTQ+ youth ages 14 and older in Pierce County.	
Resolution 41864 True Vine Community Church of God in Christ	\$25,000.00
Council Contingency Fund request of \$25,000 to sponsor the 5th Annual Citywide Block Party.	
Resolution 41881 Northwest Immigrant Rights Project 2026 Gala Sponsorship	\$15,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$15,000 to sponsor the Northwest Immigration Rights Project’s 2026 Gala and make a public declaration of solidarity with Northwest Immigrant Rights Project’s values	
Resolution 41904 Tacoma Film Task Force Sponsorship	\$10,000.00
Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor the Tacoma Film Task Force.	
Resolution 41932 Ride Transit Month Sponsorship	\$10,000.00
Resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$10,000, to sponsor Downtown on the Go's Ride Transit Month.	
Resolution 41933 NextGen GM Sports Executive Internship	\$20,000.00
A Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$20,000 to sponsor the “NextGen GM Sports Executive Internship” pilot program.	
To Study Session June 9, 2026	
Juneteenth Prayer Breakfast Sponsorship	\$1,000.00
A one-time Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$1,000 to sponsor the Juneteenth Prayer Breakfast	
Starting Balance	\$259,328.56
Allocated Funding	\$111,000.00
Remaining Balance	\$148,328.56