



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

TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Deputy Mayor Kiara Daniels and Policy Analyst Christina Caan
COPIES TO: Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney
SUBJECT: **Resolution – Council contingency fund request to support expanded services for the Tacoma Rescue Mission’s Youth Program**
DATE: November 12, 2025

We ask for your support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to support expanded services for the Tacoma Rescue Mission’s Youth Program.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Council Contingency Fund Request: We ask for your support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to support expanded services for the Tacoma Rescue Mission (TRM) Youth Program. For more than 100 years, TRM has served the homeless community in Tacoma and Pierce County by providing emergency services, such as shelter, food, and other self-sufficiency programs. TRM’s Youth Program supports the academic, emotional and social development of children experiencing homelessness.¹

- Each year, TRM provides more than 10,000 hours of supportive, nurturing guidance and educational off-campus experiences to over 350 traumatized and vulnerable homeless children. Children enrolled in TRM’s Youth Program have shown measurable improvement in academic performance and social well-being.

TRM’s Youth Program helps to advance several of the City’s strategic priorities. The City’s 2022-2028 Homelessness Strategy specifically identifies a need to ensure that youth and young adults have adequate supportive services to help to break the cycle of homelessness.² In addition, the Community Safety Action Strategy notes a need to support families to overcome trauma and work towards a community where everyone belongs.³ The City also recognizes the vital importance of investing in youth services to help with youth development opportunities and youth violence prevention.⁴ Finally, TRM’s Youth Program helps to advance the City’s livability, inclusion, and accessibility goals outlined in the Tacoma 2025 Framework.⁵

- This Council contingency fund request would provide support for TRM’s Youth Program and enable expanded service provision and support services, such as tutoring, games, sports,

¹ [Youth – Tacoma Rescue Mission](#)

² [Homelessness Strategy-v3 footnotes.pdf](#)

³ [Community Safety Action Strategy | City of Tacoma](#)

⁴ [Violence Reduction & Community Support | City of Tacoma](#)

⁵ [City of Tacoma 2025](#)

educational field trips, and activity nights that help them forge healthy habits and trusting relationships.

FUNDING REQUESTED: \$10,000

DESIRED RESOLUTION DATE: December 2, 2025

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Deputy Mayor Kiara Daniels has engaged with TRM's Youth Program Manager and participated in events at TRM's family shelter, where she has worked directly with children participating in the Youth Program. These experiences have provided first-hand insight into the invaluable positive impact the Youth Program has on young people. Community members have also expressed a desire for the City to do more to assist vulnerable young people and families experiencing homelessness. In addition, the City's Community Survey shows that the top priority issue that residents think the City should address is homelessness.⁶

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Equity and Accessibility: The 2025 Pierce County Point in Time Count showed that nearly 300 children under the age of 18 are experiencing homelessness in Pierce County, with most staying in shelter environments, and that homelessness disproportionately impacts people of color.⁷ TRM's Youth Program strives to ensure that vital development opportunities are available for all young people to help build important social skills, engage in teamwork and collaboration, and establish positive relationships with adults.

Education: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of quality out of school time learning opportunities distributed equitably across the city.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Increase the number of residents who participate civically through volunteering and voting.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

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

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Do not provide funding to TRM's Youth Services Program.	Council would preserve contingency funds for other priorities.	TRM's Youth Program already depends heavily on volunteer assistance and would need to continue to find alternative funding and support, potentially reducing the scope and scale of youth services.

⁶ [Tacoma Community Survey 2024.pdf](#)

⁷ [2025 Homeless Point-in-Time Count Results](#)

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP

The City of Tacoma will provide information on how to apply for the Special Events Funding Program Application in future years.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION

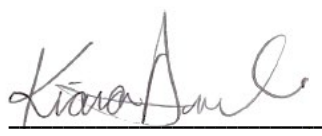
Sponsors recommend providing \$10,000 in Council contingency funds to support the TRM's Youth Program.

FISCAL IMPACT

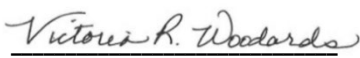
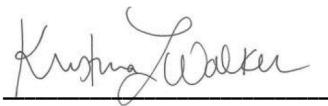
\$10,000 from Council contingency funds.

If you have a question related to the Council contingency fund request, please contact Christina Caan, Policy Analyst, at (253) 219-0679 (phone) or ccaan@tacoma.gov.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:


Deputy Mayor Kiara Daniels

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES

1.  POS# __Mayor__
2.  POS# __8__
3.  POS# __3__

Contingency Commitments

	Funding Amount
2025	\$ 321,709.00
Resolution 41610	
Council Requested - Golden Gloves Sponsorship	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to support the 76 th Annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament in Tacoma.	
Substitute Ordinance 29002	
Grand Cinema Capital Campaign	\$ 50,000.00
Dedicate \$50,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency to the Grand Cinema Capital Campaign for improvements to the Merlino Building.	
Substitute Ordinance 29002	
Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign	\$ 25,000.00
Dedicate \$25,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency for the Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign.	
Resolution 41681	
Tacoma Porchfest	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor Tacoma Porchfest.	
Resolution 41968	
South Tacoma Green Blocks Program	\$ 15,000.00
Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$15,000 to Supplement the \$30,000 South Tacoma Neighborhood Planning Booster funding to conduct a full green blocks-scale program in the South Tacoma Neighborhood.	
Resolution 41724	
Historical Society 2025 Destiny Dinner Sponsorship	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$10,000 to support the Tacoma Historical Society's 2025 Destiny Dinner.	
Resolution 41723	
BPOC Health & Wellness Fair	\$ 5,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$5,000 to support the 2025 BPOC Health & Wellness Fair.	
Resolution 41140	
Grit of Destiny Sponsorship	\$ 15,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$15,000 for a "Grit of Destiny: City of Tacoma" Documentary	
Resolution 411735	
Tacoma Labor Standards Task Force	\$ 50,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$50,000 for staffing and facilitation of the Tacoma Labor Standards Task Force.	
Resolution 41757	
AIDNW	\$ 20,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$20,000 to Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest for their phone call fund.	
Resolution 41773	
2nd Cycle Bike Stories	\$ 2,500.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$2,500 to sponsor 2nd Cycle's Bike Stories.	
Resolution 41774	
Trick or Streets	\$ 7,500.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$7,500 to sponsor Trick or Streets community event.	
Resolution 41791	
Larchmont Community Schoolyard Project	\$ 32,380.44
A Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$32,380.44 in support of the Larchmont Community Schoolyard project.	
To Council November 18, 2025	
Year of Belonging	\$ 25,000.00
A Council Contingency Expenditure of \$25,000 to Sponsor Year Belonging Initiative	
To Study Session November 18, 2025	
Tacoma a Rescue Mission's Youth Program	\$ 10,000.00
A Council Contingency Expenditure of \$10,000 to Support Expanded Services for the Tacoma Rescue Mission's Youth Program.	
Starting Balance	\$ 321,709.00
Total Amount Allotted	\$ 287,380.44
Current Balance	\$ 34,328.56