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**SUBJECT:** City of Tacoma Utilization of Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Funding  
**DATE:** April 20, 2021

**PRESENTATION TYPE:**  
Informational Briefing

**SUMMARY:**  
Staff will provide an overview of the City's utilization of Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder (MHSUD) funding since 2017.

**BACKGROUND:**  
In March 2012, the Tacoma City Council passed Ordinance 28057, authorizing a 0.1% sales tax ("one-tenth of one percent") to support mental health treatment, chemical dependency treatment, therapeutic court(s), and housing for those in treatment services. This briefing will provide Council an understanding of the historical revenue generation and use of these funds.

**ISSUE:**  
MHSUD sales tax revenue may be used to fund an operation or delivery of a coordinated component of chemical dependency or mental health treatment services. Staff will provide an update on the historic use of these funds as well as the competitive funding process and contracted expenditure for the 2021-2022 biennium. Currently funded programs and services include: treatment services, case management, transportation to appointments, and housing that are a component of a coordinated chemical dependency or mental health treatment program or service (as prescribed in RCW 82.14.460).

**ALTERNATIVES:**  
This is an information briefing only.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  
This is an information briefing only.

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.