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|  | **Veterans and Human Services Levy**  **2005**  **(Ordinance 15279)** | **Veterans and Human Services Levy**  **2011**  **(Ordinance 17072)** | **Mental Illness & Drug Dependency Sales Tax**  **2007**  **(Ordinance 15959)** | **Best Starts for Kids Levy**  **(Proposed Ordinance 2015-0177)** |
| Authorization | Voter approved | Voter approved | Councilmanic approval | Voter approval required |
| Governance Requirements | Ordinance 15279 specified a fifty percent allocation to services for veterans, military personnel and their families and fifty percent to other regional human services. The ordinance also established two county citizen oversight boards and specified the composition of the boards. | Ordinance 17072 continued the fifty percent allocation to veterans, military personnel and their families and fifty percent to other regional human services. The ordinance also continued the existing oversight boards. | Ordinance 15969 established five policy goals and required development of implementation, oversight and evaluation plans for subsequent review and approval by council. | PO 2015-0177 specifies allocations for broad categories of spending and establishes two advisory boards. |
| Process for Determining Priorities and Funding of Strategies | The levy ordinance did not set forth a process for determining priorities or strategies within the two broad allocations. However, subsequent legislation (Ordinance 15406) required development of a service improvement plan for review and approval by the council and regional policy committee. The plan was to include:   * Review of current services and resources * Description of proposed priority investment areas * Annual allocation plan * Implementation plan for each investment area   Council adopted the service improvement plan in August 2006 (Ordinance 15632). | Council adopted an updated service improvement plan to guide the goals, investments and implementation of the levy proceeds (Ordinance 17236). | Ordinance 15969 required the implementation plan to include:   * Spending plan * Implementation schedule * Discussion of needed resources * Implementation milestones   Council adopted the implementation plan in October 2008 (Ordinance 16261). | PO 2015-0177 specifies portions of the levy proceeds to be allocated to broad categories of spending. The legislation does not set forth a process for determining priorities or strategies within the broad categories. |
| Oversight | Ordinance 15279 established two 12-member county citizen oversight boards to review and report annually to the executive and council on expenditure of proceeds. | Ordinance 17072 continued the existing oversight boards. | Council adopted the MIDD Oversight Plan in October 2008, establishing the MIDD Oversight Committee (Ordinance 16077) as an advisory body consisting of county officials, providers and other stakeholders, and representatives from Seattle and the suburban cities. Ordinance 16077 specified the duties and responsibilities of the oversight committee. | PO 2015-0177 establishes two advisory boards:   1. If a children and youth advisory board is established in accordance with the recommendation of the youth action plan task force (PM 2015-0162), the board would serve as the advisory board for the levy proceeds not allocated to Communities of Opportunity. If the council does not establish a children and youth advisory board, the executive would appoint and the council would confirm an advisory board. 2. The existing Communities of Opportunity interim governance group would serve as the advisory board for the levy proceeds allocated to Communities of Opportunity.   The legislation does not specify the duties of the boards, nor does it set forth a process for specifying the duties of the boards.  The legislation does not specify the composition of an advisory board in the event a children and youth advisory board is not established in accordance with the youth action plan, nor does it set forth a process for determining the composition. |
| Evaluation | The council-adopted service improvement plan set forth reporting requirements and described evaluation processes that would be conducted. | The council-adopted service improvement plan set forth strengthened annual evaluation and reporting requirements. | Ordinance 15969 required that the evaluation plan identify the evaluation process, a proposed evaluation schedule, performance measurements and targets, and data to be used for reporting and evaluations. Council adopted the evaluation plan in October 2008 (Ordinance 16262). | Six percent of the levy proceeds would be spent on evaluation, data collection and improving service delivery. However, the legislation does not identify any specific reporting or evaluation requirements, nor does it set forth a process for determining such requirements. |