



# Request for Proposals

## Thurston County Treatment Sales Tax

### Behavioral Health Fund

**Issue Date:** October 11, 2023

**Closing Date:** November 2, 2023

#### CONTACT AND INQUIRIES

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#### Purpose

Thurston County officials are soliciting project proposals for funding from the Treatment Sales Tax (TST). Total available funding is \$800,000 in 2024 and 2025. The funding amount may be subject to change based on local revenues. Contract awards are subject to the County receiving projected revenue.

In accordance with [RCW 82.14.460](#), proposals must be solely for the purpose of providing for the operation or delivery of chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs and services and the operation or delivery of therapeutic court programs and services. Proposals may also include modifications to existing facilities to address health and safety needs necessary for the provision, operation, or delivery of chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs or services otherwise funded with TST funds. "Programs and services" include, but are not limited to, treatment services, case management, transportation, and housing that are a component of a coordinated chemical dependency or mental health treatment program or service.

- Improve the quality of life for Thurston County residents with mental health and/or substance use needs.
- Reduce the number of people who have a high recidivism rate and have lengthy jail stays because of their mental health, substance use, and/or houselessness.
- Increase the ability to divert adults and youth with mental health and/or substance use needs, using evidence-based practices, from jail services, either through pre-booking or post-booking diversion, to appropriate levels of care and housing.
- Increase levels of interagency collaboration, cross-system coordination, and planning between corrections, courts, mental health, substance use, and housing services.
- Increase public safety by using risk and needs assessments for all adult and youth offenders to determine appropriate service designation for mental health, substance use, and/or jail services.
- Increase therapeutic services and resources for youth and adults who have co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.
- Increase community, law enforcement, corrections, and courts education and training for diversion and intervention.

Further requirements are outlined in the application packet. Applications must be received by the county through [Zoom Grants](#) no later than Wednesday, November 1, 2023. Application materials will be available on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, and can be found online at [Funding Announcements | Thurston County \(thurstoncountywa.gov\)](#).

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