

Thurston County is **SEEKING TST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

TST programs serve individuals facing behavioral health challenges and people in the justice system. We know that BIPOC, people living with disabilities, individuals experiencing homelessness, veterans, and LGBTQAI+ individuals, are disproportionately represented in these systems.

With a goal of identifying a diverse board who understands the impact of these systems on underserved and marginalized populations Individuals with lived experience in any/ all of these systems are encouraged to apply.

WHAT IS TREATMENT SALES TAX (TST)?



TST is a 1/10th of 1% sales tax collected in Thurston County since 2009. This local funding works alongside federal and state funding such as Medicaid to meet mental health and substance use needs in the county.

Funds are spent on a variety of services including treatment courts, youth and family programs, and adult programs in correctional facilities and the community.

WHAT IS THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE?



The TST Advisory Committee is a group of 9 volunteers appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). **Their primary role is to make non-binding recommendations to the BOCC regarding the use of TST funds.**

The Committee also works to identify gaps in the local behavioral health system, promote collaboration, and review program data.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOLUNTEER?



Thurston County resident

No interest in receiving TST funds

No conflicts of interest

Can commit the time

Volunteers are appointed to staggered 3-year terms. They meet approximately 8-10 times/year.

TST programs save our community nearly \$4 for every \$1 spent!

TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Applications are due **February 1, 2023**. Applications are available at <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/phss/Pages/tst.aspx> or by contacting the TST Program Manager at Carrie.Hennen@co.thurston.wa.us.