

# News Release

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## **Grant Program Will Expand Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment Services**

*County seeks proposals from qualified service providers*

OLYMPIA – The Thurston County Board of County Commissioners Treatment Sales Tax (TST) program is seeking proposals for funding for programs that benefit residents who are mentally ill, chemically dependent, or who have co-occurring disorders. The Request for Proposals is available on the TST website <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/treatment-tax/index.htm>. Applicants must submit their proposals by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

“Programs funded through the Treatment Sales Tax program offer valuable services throughout Thurston County, using approaches that have been demonstrated to provide long-term benefits to individuals and the broader community,” said Bud Blake, Commission Chair. “We are pleased to announce this funding opportunity to expand these critically important services in 2017.”

Guidelines for proposals:

- Grant amounts should be no less than \$25,000 and no more than \$100,000. The program has \$246,000 available, of which at least \$75,000 is intended to fund programs that have not been awarded a TST grant previously.
- Funds shall be used solely for the purpose of providing for the operation or delivery of chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs and services and for the operation or delivery of therapeutic court programs and services. “Programs and services” includes, but is not limited to, treatment services, case management, transportation, and housing as a component of a coordinated chemical dependency or mental health treatment program or service (RCW 82.14.460).
- Grants will be awarded to organizations submitting proposals that demonstrate an ability to produce results in one or more of the Thurston Thrives strategy map goal areas (see details at <http://thurstonthrives.org/action-teams/>) and the following TST Policy Goals:
  - Improve the quality of life for Thurston County residents with mental illness and/or chemical dependency by reducing problem behavior, so children are raised in a healthy, safe environment.

- Improve the quality of life for Thurston County residents with mental illness and/or chemical dependency by supporting students to overcome barriers and meet academic standards.
- Increase access to appropriate behavioral health treatment by increasing levels of interagency collaboration, cross system coordination and planning between corrections, courts, mental health, and chemical dependency and housing services.
- Reduce entry into, or deeper involvement with, the criminal justice system by increasing community, law enforcement, corrections and courts education, and training for diversion and intervention for Thurston County residents with mental illness and/or chemical dependency.

Eligible proposals must meet the Treatment Sales Tax Guidelines:

- Meet the requirements of RCW 82.14.460.
- Provide services that are evidence-based or promising practices.
- If providing treatment services, ensure appropriate clinical oversight with treatment fidelity documentation.
- Able to participate in quarterly evaluation and accountability activities that demonstrate progress towards contracted results.
- Able to enter into a contract with Thurston County government. Contracts will commence August 1, 2017 and conclude July 31, 2018.

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