

MIDD Behavioral Health Sales Tax Renewal

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What is the Behavioral Health Sales Tax?

- The King County MIDD is a countywide 0.1% sales tax generating an about \$180 million per two-year biennium.
- It is specifically for programs and services for people living with or at risk of behavioral health conditions.
- King County's MIDD is managed and operated by the King County Department of Community and Human Services' Behavioral Health and Recovery Division.

Expected Renewal Timeline

Action	Tentative Timeframe
Community/Partner Engagement	May - Nov 2024
Complete Phase 1 Engagement Report	Jan 2025
Draft legislative proposal(s); Write and Complete “Renewal Report” assessing the current state of County behavioral health investments and proposing MIDD’s role in the BH system.	Oct 2024 – Apr 2025
Transmit Tax Renewal Ordinance with Proposed Strategy Areas, Renewal Report, and 2026-27 Transitional Spending Plan	May 2025
Write and Complete Implementation Plan	April 2025 - Feb 2026
Transmit Implementation Plan	No later than May 31, 2026
MIDD Tax Implementation Begins	January 2026
Transitional spending plan in effect and renewal planning continues focused on building a strong foundation for implementation including staffing and procurements.	January 2026-December 2027
MIDD 3 Procurements Complete and Full Implementation Underway	January 2028

We have been working on:

- Retrospective analysis of MIDD 2
- BH landscape needs assessment
- Broad-based community engagement to identify needs and gaps



12 In-person listening sessions

Focused on hearing from the general public.

130 individuals attended these listening sessions.



2 Community-based events

Focused on hearing from Peers (People with lived/living experience) and behavioral health providers.

145 individuals engaged during these events.



32 Virtual listening sessions

Focused on hearing from clinical behavioral health providers, community-based organizations & government agencies.

219 individuals attended these listening sessions.



21 Online surveys

Focused on engaging community members throughout King County that couldn't attend virtual or in-person listening sessions. Survey was translated into 20 different languages.

426 responses to our online survey.

Be Heard: Community Voices about Mental Health & Wellness Community Listening Project



Focused on supporting culturally centered organizations in gathering feedback on the behavioral health needs within their communities. BHRD sought to learn about strengths, challenges, and opportunities for improving behavioral health services and programming in communities not always served well by the mainstream behavioral health system.

14 organizations were provided small grants to conduct listening sessions and interviews within their communities. A total of 102 listening sessions and interviews were conducted with **543 participants**.

Some of the gaps we have identified include:

- 1) Workforce
- 2) Youth mental health
- 3) Substance use
- 4) Care transitions
- 5) Equitable access to care

Next Steps

- Starting Phase Two Community Engagement
- Forming internal Subject Matter Expert (SME) steering committees (5-7 people)
- Forming 20-30 member SME workgroups to support implementation plan development

Thank you!

Have questions?

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