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MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and

Commissioner Thomas Carrique Chairs, Police Services Boards

FROM: Richard Stubbings

Assistant Deputy Minister Public Safety Division

SUBJECT: 2023-24 Mobile Crisis Response Team Enhancement

Grant - Call for Applications

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I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of the Solicitor General (ministry) will be accepting applications under the **Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) Enhancement Grant for the 2023-24 grant cycle** beginning May 30, 2023. The new grant cycle will operate on a one-year period and will be available to municipal and First Nation police services, as well as Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachments with an existing MCRT.

The grant intends to enhance existing MCRTs as part of the government's plan to build a more comprehensive and connected mental health and addictions system. \$4.5 million in funding will be allocated to police services to support or increase the full-time equivalent count of crisis workers for existing MCRTs to help meet the need for more mental health assistance on calls for service by leveraging local mental health expertise. This is a 50% increase in the annual allocation from the last MCRT Enhancement Grant cycle.

Municipal and First Nations police services may submit one application per police service. Similarly, OPP detachments may submit one application per detachment. The maximum funding request for each MCRT project is \$120,000 for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

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Please note that grant funding is subject to the ministry receiving the necessary appropriation from the Ontario Legislature.

The application forms will be accessible on Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) beginning Tuesday May 30, 2023. All applications must be submitted through TPON in addition to an email to Shamitha.Devakandan@ontario.ca and Steffie.Anastasopoulos@ontario.ca by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on July 4, 2023. Submissions that are late, incomplete, or not accompanied by the required documents requested by the ministry will not be considered for funding; no exceptions will be permitted. More details on the application process, including accessing the application and applying through TPON, are outlined in the attached Grant Application Guidelines.

Lastly, please direct all inquiries regarding the MCRT Enhancement Grant or application process to Shamitha Devakandan at Shamitha.Devakandan@ontario.ca and Steffie Anastasopoulos@ontario.ca.

Thank you for helping to keep Ontario communities safe.

Sincerely,

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