

**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Chiefs of Police and  
Commissioner Thomas Carrique  
Chairs, Police Services Boards

**FROM:** Ken Weatherill  
A/Assistant Deputy Minister  
Public Safety Division

**SUBJECT:** **Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension Grant – Call  
for Applications (2023-24 to 2025-26 Grant Cycle)**

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I am pleased to introduce the ***Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension (BCWA) Grant***. This new grant program, starting this fiscal year (2023-24), will assist police and justice sector partners in addressing issues of bail compliance and warrant apprehension. The BCWA Grant will expand the resources needed to monitor and apprehend high-risk repeat offenders violating their bail or community supervision conditions. The objective is to reduce the risk of individuals committing serious or violent crimes while released on bail or under community supervision.

This program will provide funding to municipal and First Nations police services, as well as Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) contract and non-contract locations.

Examples of projects eligible for funding under the BCWA Grant could include:

- dedicated bail compliance and/or warrant apprehension teams to follow-up with high-risk individuals
- police bail support teams to assist Crown attorneys during the bail hearing stage by providing enhanced bail packages and identifying public safety considerations; and
- bail compliance technology or networks that support the Provincial Bail Compliance Dashboard and will allow police services across the province to share and inform bail compliance information.

The Ministry of the Solicitor General (ministry) will be accepting applications under the new BCWA Grant through a competitive application process for the 2023-24 to 2025-26 grant cycle beginning **July 17, 2023**.

Municipal and First Nations police services, as well as OPP contract locations may submit a maximum of two applications each. The maximum funding for each project is \$1,200,000 up to \$400,000 per fiscal year. Applications submitted in partnership with multiple police services/boards may request funds to a maximum of \$2,400,000 up to \$800,000 per fiscal year for each project. OPP non-contract locations may submit a maximum of two applications as a whole through the OPP Headquarters (i.e., not two per individual location).

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

**All applications must be submitted through Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON), as well as by email to [Shamitha.Devakandan@ontario.ca](mailto:Shamitha.Devakandan@ontario.ca) and [Diljyot.Atwal@ontario.ca](mailto:Diljyot.Atwal@ontario.ca) by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on August 28, 2023.** Submissions that are late or incomplete will not be considered for funding. More details on the application process, including eligibility criteria and applying through TPON, are outlined in the attached Grant Application Instructions and Guidelines document.

To support police services, the ministry will be holding an information session on the BCWA Grant to provide an overview of the new program and answer any questions about the grant application process. This information session will take place on **July 13, 2023, from 11:00am to 12:00pm through Microsoft Teams**. The information session can be accessed through the following meeting link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

If you have any questions relating to the grant program, eligibility criteria, or application process, please contact Shamitha Devakandan at [Shamitha.Devakandan@ontario.ca](mailto:Shamitha.Devakandan@ontario.ca) or Jyoti Atwal at [Diljyot.Atwal@ontario.ca](mailto:Diljyot.Atwal@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

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