

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

FROM: Richard Stubbings
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SUBJECT: **2021-22 to 2022-23 Victim Support Grant (VSG) - Call
for Applications**

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I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of the Solicitor General (ministry) is now accepting applications for the new **Victim Support Grant (VSG) program for 2021-22 to 2022-23**.

This new grant will operate on a two-year cycle and provide funding to police services to collaborate with local organizations and/or Indigenous communities to enhance capacity to support victims and survivors of intimate partner violence and human trafficking. The grant will provide local police services with the flexibility needed to adapt to their own community's needs and fill gaps in responding to the unique needs of victims and survivors.

Funding under this grant program is available to police services in Ontario, including Municipal and First Nations police services, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) contract locations, as well as OPP non-contract locations for projects that focus on at least one of the following two key priority areas:

- **Human Trafficking;** and/or
- **Intimate Partner Violence.**

Applicants are required to collaborate with a minimum of one other relevant agency/organization. Some examples include: Violence Against Women Services, Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario (VCAO) agencies, Sexual Assault Centres (SAC),

Indigenous Victim Services, Indigenous Healing and Wellness Strategy agencies, Indigenous communities and organizations, anti-human trafficking service providers, survivor-led human trafficking organizations, community-based agencies, etc.

Police services can submit a maximum of one application in total, with the exception of OPP non-contract locations which can submit up to two applications in total (i.e., not two per individual location). **The maximum funding for each project is \$200,000 (i.e., \$100,000 per funding year).**

Grant funding is dependent upon the ministry receiving the necessary appropriation from the Ontario Legislature and is subject to funding availability.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

All applications must be submitted through Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) in addition to an email to Ramanan.Thanabalasingam@Ontario.ca and Serena.Chan3@ontario.ca by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Monday July 19th, 2021. 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 and Instructions document.**

Please direct all inquiries regarding the VSG and/or the application process to Ram at Ramanan.Thanabalasingam@Ontario.ca and Serena at Serena.Chan3@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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