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

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

**SUBJECT:** **2024-25 to 2025-2026 Safer and Vital Communities Grant  
Call for Applications**

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I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of the Solicitor General will be launching a new grant cycle of the Safer and Vital Communities (SVC) Grant. Applications will soon be accepted from incorporated community-based, not-for-profit organizations as well as Indigenous community-based, not-for-profit organizations and First Nation Band Councils for the 2024-25 – 2025-26 cycle of the SVC Grant.

The theme for the 2024-2026 SVC Grant is “***Preventing Hate Motivated Crime through Community Collaboration***”. This theme supports an integrated community-based approach to addressing issues related to hate motivated crime. It also addresses the increase of police-reported hate crime in Ontario. The ministry is requesting proposals that focus on bringing together different sectors to combat hate motivated crimes in Ontario. Priority will be given to projects that focus on cultural, ethnic, or faith-based hate and communities that have experienced increased rates of cultural, ethnic and faith-based hate crimes or hate motivated incidents. Preference will be given to applicants from large urban areas with populations greater than 100,000.

Although police services are not eligible for this grant, your engagement is still integral, and applicants are required to provide a letter of support from their local police service as part of their application. The ministry encourages police services to distribute the application package to local community organizations. In addition to demonstrating police involvement in their projects, applicants are encouraged to partner with at least one other organization in a sector different from their own.

The ministry will be accepting applications under the SVC Grant through a competitive application process for the 2024-25 to 2025-26 grant cycle beginning today, **January 26, 2024** through Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON).

**Enclosed is an application package for the 2024-2026 SVC Grant.** All applications must be submitted through Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON). In addition, an electronic version of your completed application form and required documentation, including a signed copy of all documentation, must be submitted to the ministry in their original format (NOT a scanned version) by email. Please submit them to [Natalie.Brull@ontario.ca](mailto:Natalie.Brull@ontario.ca) and [Rosanna.Tamburro@ontario.ca](mailto:Rosanna.Tamburro@ontario.ca) **no later than 4:00pm EST on February 26, 2024.**

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.

Grant funding is subject to the ministry receiving the necessary appropriation from the Ontario Legislature.

Please direct any questions regarding the SVC Grant to Natalie Brull, Community Safety Analyst, Program Development Section, by email at [Natalie.Brull@ontario.ca](mailto:Natalie.Brull@ontario.ca) and Rosanna Tamburro, Community Safety Analyst, Program Development Section, by email at [Rosanna.Tamburro@ontario.ca](mailto:Rosanna.Tamburro@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

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