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

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SUBJECT: **2024-25 – 2026-27 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 will be accepting applications under the **Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) Enhancement Grant for the 2024-25 – 2026-27 grant cycle** beginning May 8, 2024. The new grant cycle will operate on a three-year period and be available to municipalities that are policed by Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), as well as municipal and First Nation police services **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. Under this cycle, \$4.5 million per fiscal year will be available to police services to support or increase the full-time equivalent count of crisis workers for existing MCRTs. This will help meet the need for more mental health assistance on calls for service by leveraging local mental health expertise. This three-year grant cycle will provide greater sustainability and allow police services to effectively implement projects.

Municipal and First Nations police services may submit one application per police service. Similarly, municipalities policed by the OPP may submit one application per OPP detachment. Municipalities and OPP detachments are encouraged to work together to determine which application to put forward. **The maximum funding request for each MCRT project is \$120,000 per fiscal year for a total of \$360,000 over three years.**

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 **May 8, 2024**. **All applications must be submitted through TPON by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on June 19, 2024**. Late submissions will not be considered for funding. More details on the application process, including accessing the application and applying through TPON, are outlined in the attached Grant Application Instructions and Guidelines.

To support police services, the ministry will be holding an information session on the MCRT Enhancement 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 **May 16, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. through Microsoft Teams**. The information session can be accessed through the following meeting link: [Join the meeting now](#).

Please direct any questions regarding the MCRT Enhancement Grant or application process to Shamitha Devakandan, Community Safety Analyst, Program Development Section, by email at Shamitha.Devakandan@ontario.ca and Steffie Anastasopoulos, Community Safety Analyst, Program Development Section, by email at Steffie.Anastasopoulos@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



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