

**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 Victim Support Grant (VSG) - Call for  
Applications**

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I am writing to advise that the Ministry of the Solicitor General is now accepting applications for the Victim Support Grant (VSG) program for 2023-24 (one year grant cycle).

This grant will operate on a one-year cycle and provides 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/domestic violence, human trafficking, and/or child exploitation. 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 key priority areas:

1. Intimate Partner Violence/Domestic Violence;
2. Human Trafficking; and/or
3. Child Exploitation.

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 agencies, sexual assault centres, 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 \$100,000 for the one-year grant cycle.

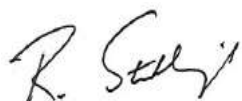
Grant funding is dependent upon the ministry receiving the necessary appropriation from the Ontario Legislature and is subject to funding availability.

**All applications must be submitted through Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) as well as by email to [Ramanan.Thanabalasingam@Ontario.ca](mailto:Ramanan.Thanabalasingam@Ontario.ca) and [Silvana.Burke@Ontario.ca](mailto:Silvana.Burke@Ontario.ca) by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on June 23, 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.

Please direct all inquiries regarding the Victim Support Grant and/or the application process to Ram Thanabalasingam by email at [Ramanan.Thanabalasingam@Ontario.ca](mailto:Ramanan.Thanabalasingam@Ontario.ca), or Silvana Burke by email at [Silvana.Burke@Ontario.ca](mailto:Silvana.Burke@Ontario.ca).

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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