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MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and

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SUBJECT: 2024-2025 Victim Support Grant – Call for Applications

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I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of the Solicitor General is now accepting applications for the Victim Support Grant (VSG) program for the 2024-2025 grant cycle.

This grant will operate on a one-year period and will provide funding to police services in collaboration with local organizations and/or Indigenous communities to enhance capacity to support and improve services for victims and survivors. The grant will provide police services with the flexibility needed to adapt to their own community's needs and fill gaps in responding to the unique needs of all victims and survivors.

Funding under this grant is available to police services in Ontario, including municipal and First Nations police services, as well as municipalities policed by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for projects that focus on supporting victims and survivors of all crimes. This will allow more victims and survivors to be reached and for them to feel safe and supported. Some examples of areas of focus for projects may include intimate partner violence/domestic violence, gender-based violence, human trafficking and child abuse, violent crimes, hate crimes, and elder abuse.

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 centers, Indigenous victim services, Indigenous Healing and Wellness Strategy agencies, Indigenous communities and organizations, anti-human trafficking service providers, and community-based agencies, etc.

Eligible applicants (Municipal and First Nations polices services, as well as municipalities policed by the OPP) can submit as many applications as they would like. There is no limit on the number of applications per eligible applicant. The maximum funding request for each project is \$200,000.00 over one year.

The application forms are accessible on Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON). All applications must be submitted through TPON, as well as by email to Ramanan.Thanabalasingam@Ontario.ca and Silvana.Burke@Ontario.ca, by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on November 7, 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.

Please direct all inquiries regarding the Victim Support Grant and/or the application process to the email addresses above.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.

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