

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

**FROM:** Ken Weatherill  
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**SUBJECT:** **Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) Grant  
Call for Applications (2024-25)**

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I am pleased to advise that the Ministry of the Solicitor General is now accepting applications for the **Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) Grant for 2024-25**.

The RIDE 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). It is expected that, in addition to this RIDE Grant funding, successful applicants will also engage in their own routine spot checks. This funding must be used exclusively for sworn officers' overtime or paid duty assignments.

For the current call for applications, the ministry is launching a one-year grant cycle for 2024-25.

All applications will be reviewed against the number of applicants and the funding grid outlined in the Grant Guidelines.

In accordance with the terms of funding, a transfer payment agreement must be executed between the ministry and the recipient (Police Service Board, First Nation Band Council or Municipality), as applicable, and must be signed before reimbursement is received. All reporting requirements must be submitted to the ministry within the established timeframes to reimburse the recipient. Financial reimbursement to the recipient only occurs after the end of the program year, following the submission of the RIDE Grant final reports.

Eligible applicants may submit one application per police service (Municipal and First Nations police services). Similarly, municipalities policed by the OPP may submit one joint application per OPP detachment.

The application form is accessible on Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON). **All applications must be submitted through TPON by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on February 7, 2025.**

**NEW: For all OPP-policed municipalities**, applications must be reviewed by the OPP's Grant Support Team at [OPP.Grant.Support.Team@OPP.ca](mailto:OPP.Grant.Support.Team@OPP.ca) prior to submission in Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON). Applications must be submitted through the municipality's TPON account.

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 & Guidelines.

Please direct all inquiries regarding the RIDE Grant and/or application process to Yoko Iwasaki at [Yoko.Iwasaki@ontario.ca](mailto:Yoko.Iwasaki@ontario.ca) and Amanda Scervo at [Amanda.Scervo@ontario.ca](mailto:Amanda.Scervo@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,



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