



## PUBLIC REPORT

**May 16, 2024**

**To:** Chair and Members  
Toronto Police Service Board

**From:** Myron Demkiw  
Chief of Police

**Subject:** **Toronto Police Service applications to the 14 programs under the Province of Ontario Community Safety Project Grants**

**Purpose:**  Information Purposes Only  Seeking Decision

### **Recommendation:**

This report recommends that the Toronto Police Service Board (Board) forward a copy of this report to the City of Toronto (City) Executive Committee for information.

### **Financial Implications:**

Out of the 14 grants under the Province of Ontario Community Safety Project Grants, the Service was deemed eligible and applied for 10 grants, securing approximately \$70.2M in grant funding for the 2023 – 2024 Provincial fiscal year.

### **Summary:**

At its meeting on February 14, 2024, City Council passed a motion requesting the Toronto Police Service Board to provide a report prior to the 2025 Budget process, with a list of Toronto Police Service (Service) applications to the 14 programs under the Province of Ontario Community Safety Project Grants, and the dollar amounts.

This report outlines which of the 14 programs under the Community Safety Project Grants the Service submitted applications to and the corresponding approved funding amounts for each.

## **Discussion:**

### ***Background***

At its meeting on February 14, 2024, City Council passed the following motion:

*City Council request the Toronto Police Services Board to report prior to the 2025 Budget Process, with a list of Toronto Police Services applications to the 14 programs under the Province of Ontario Community Safety Project Grants, and the dollar amounts.*

As of March 31, 2024, the Service had a total of 19 active grants which included ten grants under the Community Safety Project Grants Program for which the Service has been deemed eligible.

Grant funding fully or partially subsidizes the program or project for which a grant is intended. Grants with confirmed annual funding at the time of budget development are included in the Service's operating and capital budgets. Grants that are awarded in-year, result in a budget adjustment to both expenditure and revenue accounts, with a net zero financial impact to the Service. Any program or project costs not covered by grants are accounted for in the Service's capital or operating budgets.

### ***Relevant Board Policies and Compliance***

This report is in compliance with the Board's Budget Transparency Policy, approved on July 29, 2021 under Board Minute P2021-0729-3.0.

### ***Province of Ontario Community Safety Project Grants***

The following 14 grants fall under the Province of Ontario Community Safety Project Grants:

1. Safer and Vital Communities Grant
2. Proceeds of Crime Front-Line Policing Grant
3. Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) Grant
4. Constable Joe MacDonald Public Safety Officers' Survivors Scholarship Fund
5. Hate Crimes and Extremism Investigative Team Grant
6. Provincial Strategy to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation on the Internet
7. Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers Program
8. Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program
9. Community Safety and Policing (C.S.P.) Grant
10. Ontario Closed Circuit Television (C.C.T.V) Grant Program
11. Victim Support Grant (V.S.G.) Program
12. The Mobile Crisis Response Team (M.C.R.T.) Enhancement Grant
13. Preventing Auto Thefts Grant
14. Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension Grant

Each grant has a separate application form, deadline, eligibility criteria, funding parameters (i.e., funding term and maximum funding amounts), as well as other requirements like partnerships and/or collaborations with other organizations. Some of these grant programs, although falling within the category of community safety, are not available to police services.

All grants are funded according to the Province's fiscal year of April 1 to March 31.

### ***Toronto Police Service's Applications to the 14 Programs under the Province of Ontario Community Safety Project Grants***

The Service actively monitors and reviews all available grant opportunities throughout the year. Each grant opportunity announced by the provincial or federal government is carefully reviewed and evaluated to determine the Service's eligibility. If eligibility is confirmed, the Service's Grants Team works closely with the project leads to prepare and submit a formal application.

As outlined in the Table below, out of the 14 grants under the Community Safety Project Grants Program, the Service was deemed eligible for 10 grants. Applications for these 10 grants have been successful and the Service secured approximately \$70.2M in provincial grant funding for the fiscal year 2023/24. It should be noted that grant funding fully or partially subsidizes the program or project for which a grant is intended, for a zero net impact to the budget. In the absence of this grant funding, the Service would not have carried out these projects and programs, or the annual operating budget would have to be increased in order to deliver these services.

For further information on the Service's grants, please refer to the Service's annual report on grant applications and contracts which outlines details on all of the Service's active grants, grant applications submitted by the Service, new grants awarded and contracts signed by the Board Chair.

It should be noted that even though the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program is listed under the Community Safety Project Grants Program, there is no formal application process for it. The Province uses an expenditure-based funding model to determine the annual allocation for each municipality based on each municipality's relative share of the total provincial court security and prisoner transportation costs. Since there is no formal application for this Program, and the grant agreement is between the Province and the City of Toronto, not the Board, this grant is not included in the Service's annual grant report.

Similarly, the Waterloo Police Service is the lead on the Hate Crime and Extremism Investigative Team grant. As such, the Waterloo Police Service submitted an application on behalf of 17 Ontario police services and signed the grant agreement with the Province. The Waterloo Police Service will be responsible for ensuring that all partnering police services, including the Toronto Police Service, receive their share of the grant funding in each year. Since there is no formal application from the Service for this Program and the agreement is between the Province and the Waterloo Police Service, not the Board, this grant is not included in the Service's annual grant report.

Information for the grant term beginning fiscal year 2024/25 is not yet available.

**ONTARIO COMMUNITY SAFETY PROJECT GRANTS**

#	Grant	Application Submitted by TPS	Approval Status	Approved Funding 2023/24 Fiscal Year	Total Approved Funding	Comments
1	<p><b>Safer and Vital Communities Grant</b>  <i>Provides funding to community-based, not-for-profit organizations and First Nations Chiefs and Band Councils to address local risks to safety and well-being in the community</i></p>	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Police services are <u>not eligible</u> to apply for this grant, but can work in partnership with eligible applicant organizations.</p> <p>Partnerships are being considered for the 2024-2026 grant term.</p>
2	<p><b>Proceeds of Crime - Frontline Policing Grant</b>  <i>Grant uses assets seized by the provincial and federal governments during criminal prosecutions to help the police services carry out specific crime prevention projects in the community</i></p>	Yes	Approved	\$ 100,000	\$ 300,000	<p>This grant has a three year funding term.</p> <p>Funding approved for the <i>School Safety Symposium</i> project.</p>
3	<p><b>Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) Grant</b>  <i>Provides funding to enhance regular RIDE spot-check activities carried out by local police services</i></p>	Yes	Approved	\$ 175,471	\$ 350,699	<p>This grant has a two year funding term.</p> <p>Information for the grant term beginning fiscal year 2024/25 is not yet available.</p>
4	<p><b>Constable Joe MacDonald Public Safety Officers' Survivors Scholarship Fund</b>  <i>The Fund recognizes the sacrifice made by public safety officers and their families to keep Ontario safe, and is available to the spouses and children of public safety officers who have died in the line of duty</i></p>	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Police services are <u>not eligible</u> to apply for this grant.</p> <p>This is a scholarship fund intended to support the spouses and children of public safety officers lost in the line of duty.</p>
5	<p><b>Hate Crimes and Extremism Investigative Team Grant</b>  <i>This Grant supports a team of 17 municipal police services, as well as the Ontario Provincial Police, who focus on crime involving hate propaganda, the promotion of genocide, hate-motivated crimes and criminal extremism</i></p>	No	N/A	\$ 12,349	\$ 37,046	<p>Waterloo Police Service is the lead on this project and submitted an application on behalf of 17 Ontario police services.</p> <p>This grant is not reflected in the Service's Annual Grant report since there is no formal application or agreement for this grant between the Service and the Province.</p>

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6	<p><b>Provincial Strategy to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation on the Internet</b>  <i>Protects children from online exploitation, with the help of municipal police services, the OPP, crown attorneys, and victim service providers</i></p>	Yes	Approved	\$ 637,282	\$ 2,549,128	<p>This Grant has a four year term.</p> <p>The current grant term started on April 1, 2021 and is set to expire on March 31, 2025.</p>
7	<p><b>Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers (OACS) Program</b>  <i>This Program is a partnership between the public, the police and the media that allows citizens to anonymously help the police solve crimes. Funds go towards operating an answering service that receives crime-related tips outside of regular business hours</i></p>	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>This is not a competitive grant.</p> <p>The Ministry of the Solicitor General provides funds directly to the OACS to support the Crime Stoppers Alternative Answers after-hours telephone service for the 38 Crime Stoppers programs in Ontario.</p>
8	<p><b>Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Program</b>  <i>This Program provides funding to municipalities to assist in partially offsetting their court security and prisoner transportation costs.</i>   <i>The Province uses an expenditure-based funding model to determine the annual allocation for each municipality based on each municipality's relative share of the total provincial court security and prisoner transportation costs.</i></p>	No	N/A	\$ 43,810,200	\$ 43,810,200	<p>There is no formal application for this grant.</p> <p>The Service's CSPT expenditures represent approx. 33% of the total court security and prisoner transportation costs across the Province.</p> <p>This grant is not reflected in the Service's Annual Grant Report since there is no formal application for this Program, and the Agreement is between the Province and the City, not the Board.</p>
9	<p><b>Community Safety &amp; Policing (CSP) Grant</b>  <i>Provides police services with the necessary tools and resources to enable deployment of front-line officers where and when they are needed most, as well as support police services as they implement public safety and community policing initiatives that focus on local or provincial priorities</i></p>	Yes	Approved	\$ 24,124,814	\$ 72,374,441	<p>This grant has a three year funding term. The current term started on April 1, 2022 and is set to expire on March 31, 2025.</p> <p>Grant is split between 2 funding streams and 8 different projects.</p>
10	<p><b>Ontario Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grant Program</b>  <i>Program supports the expansion of CCTV systems in municipalities across the province, as part of Ontario's guns, gangs and violence reduction strategy</i></p>	Yes	Approved	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	<p>This grant has a one year funding term. The current term started on April 1, 2023 and expired on March 31, 2024.</p> <p>Information for 2024/25 fiscal year is not yet available.</p>

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11	<b>Victim Support Grant (VSG) Program</b> <i>Provides funding to build resources and address the needs of victims and survivors of intimate partner violence/domestic violence, human trafficking, and/or child exploitation</i>	Yes	Approved	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	This grant has a one year funding term. The current term started on April 1, 2023 and expired on March 31, 2024.  Information for 2024/25 fiscal year is not yet available.
12	<b>Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) Enhancement Grant</b> <i>Provides funding for additional mental health assistance on calls involving individuals experiencing a mental health and/or addiction crisis, as well as to better leverage local mental health expertise</i>	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	Funding is intended for hiring of mental health/crisis workers, whom TPS does not employ directly but rather works with partner organizations who do.  The Service is currently working with partner organizations and will be submitting an application in June 2024.
13	<b>Preventing Auto Theft (PAT) Grant</b> <i>Provides funding to support police services/boards in combatting and preventing vehicle thefts and associated violent crimes across the province</i>	Yes	Approved	\$ 300,000	\$ 900,000	This grant has a three year funding term. The current term started on April 1, 2023 and is set to expire on March 31, 2026.
14	<b>Bail Compliance &amp; Warrant Apprehension (BCWA) Grant</b> <i>Provides funding to support police services/boards in strengthening their bail compliance and warrant apprehension enforcement programs</i>	Yes	Approved	\$ 800,000	\$ 2,400,000	This grant has a three year funding term. The current term started on April 1, 2023 and is set to expire on March 31, 2026.  The current term application is a joint application between Service and Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS).

***Conclusion:***

This report provides the Board with information on which of the 14 programs under the Community Safety Project Grants the Service submitted applications to, and the approved funding amounts received.

Ms. Svina Dhaliwal, Chief Administrative Officer, will be in attendance to answer any questions the Board may have regarding this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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