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

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SUBJECT: **Update on Transformation of Policing Grants for 2019-20 and On-going**

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Ensuring public safety is a top priority for the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of the Solicitor General (Ministry) is committed to providing front-line police and their municipal partners with the tools and resources they need to keep Ontario's communities safe and resilient.

As you may know, over the past several months the government has been undertaking a broad review of government programs to ensure their long-term sustainability. As part of this process, the Ministry has been reviewing its grant programs to ensure they continue to align with priority needs of Ontario communities and provincial objectives, meet tangible outcomes, and are effective in reducing crime-related activity in Ontario.

Given the government's commitment to ensuring community safety, the long-term sustainability of policing grants has been our top priority. As a result, I am pleased to inform you that the Ministry is introducing the new Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Grant program beginning in 2019-20.

This new grant represents a transformation of a number of programs, including the Policing Effectiveness and Modernization (PEM) Grant, Community Policing Partnerships (CPP), Safer Communities - 1,000 Officers Partnership (1,000 Officers), Provincial Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy (PAVIS), and Supporting Police Response to Sexual Violence and Harassment Grant programs. The funding allocated under those programs will now be accessible to eligible police services through the new CSP Grant program.

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The grants transformation helps to address challenges that threatened the long-term sustainability of provincial police funding.

First, the new CSP Grant is an outcomes-based grant program that will better align with local and provincial priorities and focus on effective, integrated service delivery. It will also provide eligible police services/boards with greater flexibility to implement initiatives that address local policing needs and priorities related to safety and well-being.

We recognize that crime doesn't have geographical boundaries. We also recognize policing is rapidly changing, and the challenges you face today are different than the challenges you've faced in the past. That's why, through the CSP Grant program, we will encourage inter-jurisdictional and multi-sectoral collaboration to address local and province-wide priorities.

Second, police services have told us that greater certainty is needed when it comes to funding. In response to this request, we are moving to a three year cycle for the CSP Grant program, in contrast to the one year cycles of some previous grant programs. We trust this will allow for more efficient planning that leads to better outcomes for your communities.

The CSP Grant will be available to municipal police services and Ontario Provincial Police municipal contract locations who were eligible to receive funding under the PEM, PAVIS, CPP and/or 1,000 Officers programs in 2018-19. Further details on the CSP Grant, including a call-for-applications, will be provided to eligible police services shortly.

Please note, the CSP Grant will not be available to First Nations police services. First Nations police services who participated under the CPP, 1,000 Officers and PAVIS grants will continue to receive the full amount of funding they were allocated in 2018-19. Funding criteria will continue to be aligned to that of the prior programs. This will help to ensure the policing needs of these communities are met on an ongoing basis.

As always, I would like to thank you for your patience throughout the grant review process and appreciate your on-going efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of Ontario communities. If you have any questions, please contact James.Y.Lee@ontario.ca and/or Tiana.Biordi@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



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