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MEMORANDUM TO: Richard Stubbings
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SUBJECT: **Extending the Tobacco Enforcement Grants Pilot
Program to 2021/22**

In 2018 the Ministry of Finance launched the Tobacco Enforcement Grants Pilot Program, which helps fund tobacco investigations by local law enforcement agencies as well as First Nations police services and Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) locations. The program was designed to encourage strong partnerships to combat the illegal trade of tobacco across the province.

The ministry is pleased to announce that it is extending the availability of the grants program for two more years. We have made several program changes based on feedback from local law enforcement agencies. The grant amount has increased from \$7,000 to \$20,000 per investigation and eligible budget items now include specific equipment purchases used in illegal tobacco investigations.

In addition to these changes, the ministry will continue to provide operational support throughout investigations directly or in an advisory role (as requested).

More information about the grants program can be found in the attached Application Guidelines and Instructions, or by contacting Lisa Whitson, Intelligence Analyst at 289-404-3537. Application forms are available by contacting the Ministry of Finance at

TEGP@ontario.ca. The Ministry of Finance will support applications throughout the submission process to ensure the proposed investigation meets eligibility requirements.

We encourage local law enforcement agencies to share the enclosed information throughout their organization and support partnership opportunities to effectively address the trade of illegal tobacco.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

Attachment