

March 15, 2022

Mr. Kirk Weaver  
Manager, Current Budgets and Fiscal Planning  
City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West  
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mr. Weaver:

We are pleased to inform you that we are proceeding with the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Program and providing a maximum total of \$125M to assist municipalities in offsetting their CSPT costs in 2022.

As you may know, in September 2020, the Ministry of the Solicitor General (ministry) hired an independent consultant to conduct a review of court security and prisoner transportation in Ontario, including the design of the CSPT Program. Municipalities, police services and other justice sector partners were engaged during the review process.

The review is complete and on January 21, 2022, a letter was sent to review participants, including policing stakeholders and municipal partners, sharing an update on the review as well as a high-level summary and full report. As noted in the letter, the ministry is continuing the CSPT TP Program with no changes to the overall funding envelope, subject to the regular fiscal process.

In addition, a phased approach is being taken in response to the program review to ensure a pathway for future planning and continuous improvement founded on evidence that addresses gaps in the program review. As a first step in this phased approach, and based on one of the vendor's recommendations, the ministry is enhancing reporting requirements for the CSPT TP Program through the introduction of a performance measurement framework (PMF). This will help create a foundation for continuous quality improvement and program efficiencies that is evidence-based.

Beginning in 2022, as part of the CSPT TP program, a report-back on provincially identified performance measures and indicators will be required as outlined in the Transfer Payment Agreement. Reporting will be on an annual basis and aligned with the timelines for financial reporting.

Similar to previous years, an expenditure-based model is used to determine allocation for 2022. Funding is allocated based on each municipality's relative share of the total 2020 CSPT cost across the province. For example, if a municipality's CSPT cost represents one per cent of the total provincial CSPT cost, then it will be allocated one per cent of the available funding. With that, subject to the enclosed agreement being finalized, your allocation for 2022 is **\$4,895,063.02**. The payment schedule is outlined under Schedule D of the enclosed agreement.

Please have the authorized signatory for the grantee sign the enclosed agreement, where noted, and return by email to [Nithuzha.Navendram@ontario.ca](mailto:Nithuzha.Navendram@ontario.ca) by **March 31, 2022**, along with proof of your general liability insurance (\$5 million), indemnifying "Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, her Ministers, Agents, Appointees and Employees", as per section A10.2 of the agreement. If you are unable to obtain signature for the agreement prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>, please email a written attestation committing to returning the signed agreement to the ministry by no later than April 11<sup>th</sup>.

A fully executed copy of the agreement will be returned to you for your records.

If you have any questions, or require support related to the new performance measurement requirements, please contact Nithuzha Navendram, Community Safety Analyst, Program Development Section at [Nithuzha.Navendram@ontario.ca](mailto:Nithuzha.Navendram@ontario.ca) or Tiana Biordi, Team Lead, Program Development Section at [Tiana.Biordi@ontario.ca](mailto:Tiana.Biordi@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures