

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

FROM: Ken Weatherill
A/Assistant Deputy Minister
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SUBJECT: Preventing Auto Thefts Grant Program – Call-for-
Applications (2023-24 to 2025-26 Grant Cycle)

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I am pleased to introduce the ***Preventing Auto Thefts (PAT) Grant***. This new grant program, starting this fiscal year (2023-24), will support police services/boards in combatting and preventing vehicle thefts and associated violent crimes across the province. The provincial funding will provide municipal and First Nations police services, as well as Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) contract and non-contract locations, with support in implementing prevention, detection, and enforcement responses to auto theft crimes at a local level.

As you know, Ontario has experienced drastic increases in auto theft including the use of violence, threats, intimidation, weapons, and firearms to steal vehicles. Through this new grant program, police services/boards will be able to undertake local policing initiatives unique to their needs to combat auto thefts in their communities. Funding will also be used to educate the public on how to avoid these and associated violent crimes. The goal of this provincial funding is to enable a holistic and sustainable approach to combat auto thefts.

The Ministry of the Solicitor General (ministry) will be accepting applications under the new PAT Grant, through a competitive application process, for the 2023-24 to 2025-26 grant cycle beginning July 10, 2023.

Police services/boards may submit a maximum of two applications. The maximum funding for each application is \$900,000 (up to \$300,000 per fiscal year). However, applications submitted in partnership with multiple police services/boards may request funds to a maximum of \$1,800,000 (\$600,000 per fiscal year) for each application.

Please note that grant funding is subject to the ministry receiving the necessary appropriation from the Ontario Legislature.

All applications must be submitted through Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON), as well as by email to Oleisha.Burleigh@ontario.ca by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on August 21, 2023. Submissions that are late or incomplete will not be considered for funding. More details on the application process, including eligibility criteria and applying through TPON, are outlined in the attached *Grant Application Instructions and Guidelines* document.

To support police services, the ministry will be holding an information session on the PAT Grant to provide an overview of the new program and answer any questions about the grant application process. This information session will take place on **July 6, 2023, from 1:00pm to 2:00pm through Microsoft Teams**. The information session can be accessed through the following meeting link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

If you have any questions relating to the grant program, eligibility criteria, or application process, please contact Steffie.Anastasopoulos@ontario.ca, Natalie.Brull@ontario.ca, and Oleisha.Burleigh@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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