



RESOLUTION 2025-03

Streamlining Grant Administration

Preamble:

The Commission on the Reform of Ontario Public Services has recommended efficiencies in the administration of transfer payments and grant programs. Provincial grants and uploads represent less than five percent of the cost of municipal police services.

WHEREAS provincial grant funding has achieved successful outcomes, specifically for targeted area initiatives that are provincial and local priorities, and

WHEREAS non-recoverable costs are incurred by municipal police services to meet the legal and administrative requirements of grants, including preparation of applications, data maintenance to demonstrate outcomes, compilation and submission of reports, financial costings and audits, regardless of the dollar amount of the grant, and

WHEREAS municipal police services' annual budgets are typically calendar year-based, requiring deliberations in advance of the budget, and

WHEREAS municipal police services require a long-term and predictive perspective, to provide multi-year budget outlooks up to four years to match the term of local Council, and

WHEREAS the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) upload funding formula based on a percentage of total cost provides a disincentive to reduce court operations costs and results in significant changes year to year that can become a negative impact to the budget given the amounts are not known when municipalities build their budgets in the fall timeframes, and has not increased from the maximum \$125M across Ontario municipalities since inception despite inflationary annual cost increases realized, increased number of court cases annually, additional requirements as per the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA)* including special constable training, and

WHEREAS some grants have contract terms of only one year, which creates uncertainty for police services in both budget preparation and effectiveness of program delivery, and

WHEREAS some programs have been reduced from a previous three-grant cycle, and this has created uncertainty for police services in both budget preparation and the effectiveness of program delivery, and

WHEREAS some programs provided confirmation of successful applications with insufficient time left of the contract term, not allowing programs to be implemented to be successful, and

WHEREAS grant reporting has increasingly required copies of all receipts and invoices for all expenditures, which has significantly increased the time required to report on grant activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) calls on the Government of Ontario to streamline grant administration to contract terms of three years, provide grant information in advance of contract terms to allow for proper budget creation, minimize non-recoverable activities, reduce administrative requirements for reporting while still ensuring financial accountability, and replace funding formulas with simplified and transparent allocations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the OACP calls on the Government of Ontario to collaborate with municipal police services to develop and implement a funding model for the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation upload through a hybrid model where a base level of funding guarantees minimum operational capacity for all jurisdictions, with incremental funding adjustments tied directly to court cases, including volume and complexity of court security events, number and cumulative duration of prisoner transports, specialized security requirements and utilizes reporting mechanisms to ensure funding allocations reflect actual operational demands and cost structures.