

General Overview

Q: What is this new funding and who is it going to?

Government is providing \$5 million in one-time grant funding to existing victim services and violence against women programs and other priority areas to address service pressures.

Specifically, funding will be allocated to three key areas:

1. Addressing service pressures and enhancing frontline services across the Branch's existing contracted victim service and violence against women service providers;
2. Supporting ICATs to maintain community coordination efforts in responding to high-risk domestic violence cases; and
3. Supporting education and awareness initiatives aimed at preventing violence against women.

Q: Why is there new funding now?

We recognize the devastating impacts of violence on women, families and communities. We also know that service providers have been experiencing challenges meeting service demands in communities throughout B.C.

The purpose of the one-time funding is to help address service pressures facing the branch's core funded victim services and violence against women programs.

Q: Where did this funding come from?

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General identified \$5 million in contingencies funding that wasn't previously committed this year.

Funding for Existing Programs

Q: How much funding is each program getting? How did you arrive at the 12.8% or \$5,000 min per program amounts?

In order to distribute the funding equitably, each program will receive a share of the total funding which was calculated by a percentage (12.8%) of their current contract value (based on the estimated program values for 2018/19) or a minimum \$5,000 whichever is greater.

Q: When will the funding be available? How will programs get this funding?

Program managers will be connecting with service providers over the next few weeks and grant letters for the funding will be provided to programs as soon as possible. We are aiming to send most letters by the end of December 2017. The funds will be disbursed in the latter part of December and early January.

The grant letters will outline the amount of funding, instructions on how the funding can be used, and the reporting requirements.

Q: What are the reporting requirements for this funding?

Beginning in April 2018, programs will be required to report back to government on how they have used the funding. The first reporting period will be from January 2018 to March 2018.

Reporting requirements will be outlined in the grant letters and a reporting template will be provided in mid-January.

Q: When can programs start to use the funding?

Programs can start using the funding as soon as they get it.

Q: What can the funding be used for?

The purpose of this funding is to enhance frontline service delivery with a focus on addressing service pressures and waitlists.

Some examples of acceptable expenses include:

- Additional service hours through overtime or by increasing a part time worker to a full time worker for the duration of the grant
- Hiring new staff to provide front line service
- Travel to rural, remote and northern areas to provide service to clients, or to accompany a client to court to provide testimony in a legal proceeding
- Providing back up relief staff for permanent staff that take vacations or leaves

Grant funding should not be used for:

- Administration costs
- Training
- Equipment
- Rent
- Capital expenses
- Management level salaries unless directly tied to front line service delivery
- Deficits

Q: Can grant recipients move the grant money around between programs (i.e. Contractor with multiple VSCPD programs) to best meet the service delivery needs in my agency?

No. Grant funding is provided for each program contract and should be used to meet needs related to the specific program.

Q: Can this funding support on-call or after hours service hours for Police Based Programs that have a 24/7 service model?

No. Our current contracts do not support 24/7 or on call response, so grant funding cannot be used for this purpose.

Q: Can these funds be used to support travel time and costs associated with travel for VS/OR workers and/or clients as many of their clients do not live locally and do not have access to reliable transportation and so are unable to access services?

Yes. Travel to meet clients or to assist clients in court is an allowable expense.

Q: Are there currently any other funding opportunities within CSCP?

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL DECEMBER 15th!

For other funding opportunities, the 2017/2018 Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant program is now accepting applications. Applications are currently being accepted (Deadline is December 15th) for the following funding streams:

- Crime Reduction and Community Safety
- Indigenous Healing and Rebuilding
- Serving Victims Through Restorative Justice: Building Program Capacity
- Addressing Violence Against Women: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- Human Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade
- Child and Youth Advocacy Centres
- Enhancing Domestic Violence Units

Application forms and the Application Guide can be found on our website at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/crime-prevention/community-crime-prevention/grants>.

Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2017.

Funding for ICATs

Q: How much funding will each ICAT receive?

\$700,000 of the funding will go directly to ICATs, with ICATs receiving up to \$15,000 each. The remaining \$100,000 will go to EVA BC's program called Community Coordination for Women's Safety (CCWS) for ICAT training and support.

The Branch will be inviting existing ICATs to apply for up to \$15,000 to support local coordination efforts in their community.

Q: How can ICATs receive this funding?

Existing ICATs will be able to apply for this funding by mid to late January. More information will be provided to ICATs in early 2018.

Q: Are there reporting requirements for the ICAT funding? If so, what are they?

Yes. The ICAT funding will have some limited reporting requirements. For example, ICATs will need to demonstrate how they used the grant funding to support coordination efforts in their community (e.g. number of local coordination meetings held). More specific detail about the reporting requirements will be provided in early 2018 on the ICAT Grant Application form.