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## Fire Protection Grant 2024-25 - Call for Applications

Ontario's Solicitor General, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, has opened applications for the first round of the province's Fire Protection Grant.

Beginning July 23, 2024 applications for the 2024-25 Fire Protection Grant will be accepted through the <u>Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON)</u> system. Applications will be accepted until 5:00PM on September 5, 2024. Please access the TPON link above to review the Fire Protection Grant application (a fillable PDF) and an information package which provides important details about this year's grant process.

As announced in the government's 2024 Budget, the \$30M grant will be administered over three years, with \$10M being allocated each year. This is the first call for applications for fiscal year 2024-25 and we will determine the approach for years two and three at a later date. This year's grant will target cancer prevention and minor infrastructure modernization initiatives such as:

## • Cancer Prevention:

- o Equipment and Supplies
- o Personal Protective Equipment
- o Minor Infrastructure

## • Minor Infrastructure Modernization:

Enhanced broadband and internet connectivity

Following the call for applications, funding for the 2024-25 grant is anticipated to be released in Fall 2024. The grant will be allocated proportionate to the number of active fire stations in a municipality. Allocations will be based on the projects being undertaken at the local level, ensuring a fair, transparent, and consistent disbursement of funds.

To be consistent with other grants offered through the Ministry of the Solicitor General, applicants are required to develop proposals with supporting information to demonstrate need, return on investment, and benefit to public safety.

I am confident that the Fire Protection Grant will greatly assist departments in addressing critical needs regarding both cancer prevention and minor infrastructure at the local level and I look forward to the positive impact it will have on your front-line members.

If you require any assistance or have general questions about the grant application, please contact your local Fire Protection Adviser.