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MEMORANDUM TO: All Ontario Fire Chiefs

FROM: Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal

DATE: October 11, 2023

SUBJECT: Skills Development Fund Training Stream

I want to share information on the Ontario government's most recent round of the [Skills Development Fund Training Stream](#) and encourage you to consider applying.

Originally launched in February 2021 as a pandemic response program, the Skills Development Fund has shifted objectives to support long-term economic recovery. This program seeks to help develop a resilient workforce by supporting access to the labour market, empower workers and job seekers who face barriers to entry and encourage partnerships across the economy while supporting innovative ideas and training solutions to address the labour shortage.

Program and project proposals will be accepted on an ongoing basis through [Transfer Payment Ontario](#) as of August 25. Applications will be accepted until November 17, 2023. Projects will be prioritized based on the strength of their application. As funds are limited, applicants are encouraged to apply early.

As with previous funding rounds, the following organizations can apply as primary applicants (i.e., they do not require a partner organization to apply):

- employers in Ontario,
- ministry approved, non-college apprenticeship training delivery agents,
- non-profit organizations, including Indigenous band offices and Indigenous Skills and Employment Training agreement holders,
- professional, industry or employer associations,
- trade unions or union-affiliated organizations or,
- municipalities, district social services administration boards, hospitals and consolidated municipal service managers.

Prospective applicants can find more application information, including detailed eligibility criteria and target sectors and occupations in the [application guide](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Pegg', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety