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February 24, 2023

Ms. Kate Allan
Director of Corporate Services
City of Owen Sound
808 2nd Avenue East
Owen Sound, ON N4K 2H4

Dear Ms. Allan:

We are pleased to inform you that we are proceeding with the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Program and providing a maximum total of \$125M to assist municipalities in offsetting their CSPT costs in 2023.

As you may know, in September 2020, the Ministry of the Solicitor General (ministry) hired an independent consultant to conduct a review of court security and prisoner transportation in Ontario, including the design of the CSPT Program. Municipalities, police services and other justice sector partners were engaged during the review process.

In response to the program review, the ministry continues to ensure that a pathway for future planning is founded on evidence that addresses gaps in the program review. Beginning in 2022, and based on one of the consultant's recommendations, the ministry introduced a performance measurement framework to help create a foundation for continuous improvement and program efficiencies that is evidence-based. The first annual report-back on provincially identified performance measures and indicators, as outlined in the 2022 Transfer Payment Agreement, is due back to the ministry by **April 15, 2023**.

For 2023, further reporting enhancements are being introduced as part of the annual financial reports. Recipients will be required to provide additional breakdown of costs associated with eligible costs under the CSPT Program, as outlined in the 2023 Transfer Payment Agreement. The *2023 Financial and Performance Measurement Report* is due to the ministry by **April 12, 2024**.

As noted above, the ministry is continuing the CSPT Program with no changes to the overall funding envelope, subject to the regular fiscal process. Similar to previous years, an expenditure-based model is used to determine allocation for 2023. Funding is allocated based on each municipality's relative share of the total 2021 CSPT cost across the province. For example, if a municipality's CSPT cost represents one per cent of the total provincial CSPT cost, then it will be allocated one per cent of the available

funding. With that, subject to the enclosed agreement being finalized, your allocation for 2023 is **\$325,610.12**. The payment schedule is outlined under Schedule E of the enclosed agreement.

Please have the authorized signatory for the grantee sign the enclosed agreement, where noted, and return by email to Poonam.Sharma@ontario.ca and Chris.Herapath@ontario.ca by **March 17, 2023**, along with proof of your general liability insurance (\$5 million), indemnifying "His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario, his Ministers, Agents, Appointees and Employees", as per section A10.2 of the agreement.

A fully executed copy of the agreement will be returned to you for your records.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Herapath, Community Safety Analyst, Program Development Section at Chris.Herapath@ontario.ca or Poonam Sharma, Community Safety Analyst, Program Development Section at Poonam.Sharma@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Baird".

Ryan Baird
Manager, Program Development Section
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Enclosures