

# Ontario's Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence – Call for Proposals

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (the Ministry)

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### Purpose

These FAQ's have been prepared to respond to the general public and provide information to support applicants in preparing their applications to the Call for Proposals.

### Application Form Specific Questions:

**1. Does the proposal have to be for a new project, or can it be an existing project that does not have ongoing funding?**

The Call for Proposals is intended to reduce gender-based violence through innovative and evidence-based projects that meet local and community-specific needs. Proposals are encouraged for projects that introduce new initiatives or that enhance or building on existing initiatives (for example, by serving a new community/region or a different population). Projects that duplicate existing services funded by the Government of Ontario will not be funded.

**2. Do I need to register on TPON before I apply for the Call for Proposals?**

No. You do not need to be registered on TPON to submit an application. However, applicants must be registered on Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) to enter into a contract with the Government of Ontario. Applicants must register after the submission of their application. TPON is the Ontario's system for contracting, delivering and reporting funding with successful applicants. If you are not already

registered on TPON, please do so immediately to avoid delays to service contracting or funding if your proposal is successful.

Existing Transfer Payment Recipients do not need to create a new TPON account.

For technical issues related to Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON), please contact Client Care from Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time:

Toll-Free: 1-855-216-3090

Toll-Free TTY: 1-800-268-7095

TTY:416- 325-3408

Email: [TPONCC@ontario.ca](mailto:TPONCC@ontario.ca)

### **3. Can organizations submit more than one application or previously submitted proposals through this Call for Proposals?**

Yes. Applicants may submit more than one application through this Call for Proposal for distinct projects. If multiple applications are submitted, it must be clear how applications are distinct from each other, linkages between the projects and what the roles and responsibilities within the organization (and partners, where applicable) are for each project. Each application should be submitted through [EngageON](#) and should align with the assessment criteria outlined in the Call for Proposals Guidelines. If previously submitted proposals align with the Call for Proposal Guidelines, they may be submitted as well.

### **4. Can proposals be submitted in either French and or English?**

Proposals are welcome to be submitted in either French or English.

### **5. How can I receive a copy of my final submission?**

The Call for Proposals is hosted on [EngageON](#), which is Ontario's portal for applying for funding.

By creating an account with [EngageON](#), applicants can view their application after it is submitted. You can also save your application and return to it as needed until the submission deadline. If applicants choose not to create an account, they are advised to manually save the application throughout the process.

After submitting the application, all applicants will be redirected to a separate webpage confirming that their submission was successfully received. This page will also provide a link to the main page.

**6. What if I need to go over the word limit or want to attach extra documents in my application?**

All applications will be reviewed according to the Call for Proposal Guidelines. This will include word/character limits and requested information eligible for consideration of your proposal. Any additional information submitted that has not been requested by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (the Ministry) in the Call for Proposals Guidelines will not be reviewed as part of the evaluation by the Ministry.

**7. Can I edit my application after submission?**

No. Applicants are encouraged to carefully review their submission before submitting as no edits to the application submitted can be made after the Call for Proposals submission deadline. However, successful applicants will have an opportunity to finalize their project plan and budget when developing their funding contract with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

**8. When will I know if my proposal is selected?**

The Call for Proposals will be open from August 16th to October 11, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). Successful applicants will be notified in fall 2024.

**9. How will successful applicants be selected?**

Applications will be assessed against the Assessment Criteria outlined in Section 11 in the Call for Proposals Guidelines. In alignment with standard and ethical government practices, a trained inter-ministerial evaluation team, with diverse expertise and perspectives, will review and score the applications. The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services decisions are final.

**10. Can we request an extension for the project timeline?**

As stated in the Call for Proposals Guidelines, the deadline to submit proposals is October 11, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

**11. What are the priority populations for projects? Can I propose different groups?**

The Call for Proposals is intended to fund projects designed for those most vulnerable to experiencing gender-based violence. These groups include but are not limited to:

- Indigenous communities and populations
- Newcomers and immigrants
- Rural and remote communities
- Black and other racialized populations
- 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals
- Women with disabilities
- Francophone women
- Families and children involved with the child welfare system
- Youth

Projects to reduce gender-based violence, including through engaging men and boys to promote healthy relationships and change attitudes are also encouraged.

Applicants may identify and demonstrate need for other priority groups.

**12. Can proposals be for more than one of the identified priority areas (i.e., education and awareness, early intervention and prevention, community planning and service integration, and economic security and financial independence)?**

Yes. Applicants must identify one or more of the Call for Proposals four priority areas with which their project aligns. Please refer to Section 3. Priority Areas for Projects for more details.

**13. Must my proposal include partnerships?**

No. Applicants are encouraged to consider whether a partnership may improve the project's ability to achieve intended project outcomes. Project partners are not mandatory, although partnerships may enhance the project's effectiveness and help achieve its intended outcomes. Partnerships may contribute by demonstrating that the project is well-grounded and informed by expertise, which is key component in the assessment criteria. The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services recognizes that not all communities have a range of possible

partners to choose from, particularly in rural and remote communities. Please refer to the Call for Proposal Guidelines for more details on partnerships and the assessment criteria.

#### **14. Where can I go for additional information or support with my application for this Call for Proposals?**

If you have additional questions, please contact us at [GBVCFP-APVFG@ontario.ca](mailto:GBVCFP-APVFG@ontario.ca). The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services will also arrange information sessions. Information session will be offered in French and English.

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## **Funding Specific:**

#### **15. How much funding can applicants request?**

Applicants can request from \$100,000 and up to \$5 million over three years, depending on the scale of their project. Successful applicants will negotiate and finalize actual costs before entering a contract with the government. The amount requested in the application for the project's duration may not be subject to change after the submission. For example, a one-year funded project application may not be changed to a multi-year funded project.

#### **16. If successful, when will funding be received?**

Successful applicants will be notified in fall 2024 to finalize and enter into a funding contract with the government. Funding for the first year (2024-25) will be pro-rated to the project start date (anticipated to be in fall 2024). Funding will be flowed immediately after. Applicants must be registered on Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) to enter into a contract with the Government of Ontario (please see question 2 for more details on TPON).

**17. How long do I have to spend my funding?**

Successful applicants will negotiate funding details with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (the Ministry) including when funding must be spent. It is expected that successful applicants will begin their projects immediately upon entering into their agreement with the Ministry. This may include the requirement to entirely use funds in the fiscal year they are received. For example, if you receive funding for 2024-25, the funding must be entirely spent by March 31, 2025.

**18. Can my proposal be funded beyond the last year of the call for proposal funding window which concludes on March 31, 2027?**

The Call for Proposals is dedicating approximately \$100 million over the next three fiscal years (2024-25 to 2026-27) to innovative, evidence-based projects that meet local and community-based needs.

While there is currently no further funding available after March 31, 2027, the government remains committed to preventing and addressing violence in all forms and will continue to collaborate with key partners to enhance and support programs that are supporting those that are at risk or experiencing violence. Please refer to Section 10. Funding in the Call for Proposals Guidelines.

**Additional Resources to Reference:**

[Ontario's Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence: Call for Proposals](#)

[The National Action Plan to End Gender-based Violence - Canada.ca](#)