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Fire Protection Grant 2025-26 - Call for Applications

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

Beginning August 13, 2025 applications for the 2025-26 Fire Protection Grant will be accepted through the <u>Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON)</u> system. Applications will be accepted until 5:00PM on September 30, 2025. 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 initial \$30M grant was to be administered over three years, with \$10M being allocated each year. As of August 13, 2025, the government has committed an additional \$10M, to support the Fire Protection Grant, bringing the total funding envelope for the 2025/26 fiscal year to \$20M.

Eligibility for the 2025-26 Fire Protection Grant remains consistent with Year 1, with funding available to municipalities that have established a fire department under section 2(2)(b) of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* (FPPA).

This is the first call for applications for fiscal year 2025-26 and we will determine the approach for year three at a later date. This year's grant will target cancer prevention, minor infrastructure modernization and lithium-ion incident response initiatives, such as:

Cancer Prevention:

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

Minor Infrastructure Modernization:

- o Enhanced broadband and internet connectivity
- Lithium-Ion Incident Response:
 - o Equipment and Supplies

Following the call for applications, funding for the 2025-26 grant is anticipated to be released in January 2026. 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 continue to assist departments in addressing critical needs regarding cancer prevention, minor infrastructure and lithiumion incident response 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.