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MEMORANDUM TO: All Ontario Fire Chiefs

FROM: John McBeth
Acting Fire Marshal

DATE: December 23, 2024

SUBJECT: Skills Development Fund Capital Stream

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

The Skills Development Fund (SDF) Capital Stream was launched in June 2023 to offer funding support to eligible organizations to:

- build new training centres
- upgrade existing training centres
- convert an existing building into a training centre.

This round of funding is designed to support innovative projects that develop a highly skilled workforce and address evolving demands of industry. Key features of the program include:

- **Financial Support:** Funding for critical capital investments in infrastructure projects to facilitate effective training and skill development, including the development of technical capital plans and construction of new facilities, upgrades to existing ones, or conversions of spaces.
- **Collaboration Opportunities:** Promotes partnerships across sectors, encouraging community engagement and knowledge sharing, especially in industries facing workforce shortages.
- **Focus on Emerging Skills:** Prioritizes funding for initiatives that address current and future skills needs, focusing on high-demand jobs in key sectors to ensure the workforce is equipped to meet the challenges ahead.
- **Long-term Impact:** Aims to generate lasting benefits for individuals and the economy – particularly for underrepresented groups such as women, youth, people with disabilities, racialized communities and Indigenous Peoples, by expanding training capacity across the province.

Program and project proposals will be accepted through [Transfer Payment Ontario](#) as of November 29, 2024. Currently there is no application deadline. The application intake will run until funding is fully allocated. 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
- municipalities, district social services administration boards, hospitals and consolidated municipal service managers.

Projects will be prioritized based on the strength of the application. 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 cursive script that reads "John McBeth".

John McBeth
Acting Fire Marshal

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