

**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Chiefs of Police and  
Commissioner Thomas Carrique  
Chairs, Police Services Boards

**FROM:** Richard Stubbings  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Public Safety Division

**SUBJECT:** 2021 COVID-19 Relief Funding for Municipalities

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I am writing to advise you of additional provincial funding for municipalities to ensure the delivery of critical services and enable capital projects to stay on track in light of COVID-19.

On March 4, 2021, the Ontario government announced that it is providing an additional \$500 million through the [2021 Provincial COVID-19 Relief Funding for Municipalities](#) program. The program is intended to help municipalities respond to ongoing and unprecedented 2021 COVID-19 operating pressures.

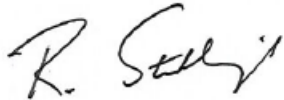
All 444 municipalities in Ontario are eligible for this program. The level of funding is based on a combination of a base amount using Municipal Property Assessment Corporation household data and an amount based on the proportion of provincial COVID-19 cases (from January 1, 2021 to February 18, 2021) in the municipality's respective Public Health Unit.

Municipalities have the flexibility to use this funding to address the specific priorities of their communities based on their unique COVID-19 related operating pressures. Examples may include, but are not limited to, personal protective equipment purchases, overtime incurred due to providing emergency response and frontline services as a result of the pandemic, and purchases required to do remote work.

Police services are encouraged to consult with their respective municipalities to identify critical COVID-19 related operating pressures for policing that can be addressed through this funding initiative.

Once again, thank you for your continued efforts to help keep our communities safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stubbings". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a stylized "S".

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