

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR APPLICANTS

### 2020 Call for Applications for the Youth Violence and Human Trafficking Prevention Program (YVHTPP)

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#### **Q1. What is the Youth Violence and Human Trafficking Prevention Program (YVHTPP)?**

The Youth Violence and Human Trafficking Prevention Program (YVHTPP) is a prevention-focused initiative that seeks to address the factors that put youth (ages 12-29) and their communities at greater risk of being impacted by violence and victimization, including human trafficking. The program will support locally responsive, targeted prevention and resilience projects in five target communities.

#### **Q2: Where are the YVHTPP target communities? How were they selected?**

YVHTPP is targeted to five communities in Ontario: Hamilton, London, Ottawa, Thunder Bay and the City of Toronto. These communities have a high prevalence of risk factors for youth violence and victimization, as determined through research and analysis of data.

Neighbouring Indigenous communities, Indigenous-led organizations or Indigenous communities outside the target cities can also be eligible to apply. As part of their application, they are asked to demonstrate:

- Youth interaction with target cities (e.g., use of services), and
- A prevalence of similar risks factors in their community.

#### **Q3: Who is eligible to apply for funding?**

The following organizations are eligible to apply for funding:

- Not-for-profit corporations, including not-for profit social enterprises and registered charities.
- Indigenous communities (inclusive of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities) located adjacent or near YVHTPP target communities, that are legal entities.

For-profit corporations, individuals and/or non-legal entities, and municipalities and/or District Social Services Administration Boards are **not eligible** to apply. However, applicants that fall into these categories may collaborate with eligible members on a project or apply as part of a collaborative that includes at least one eligible member. The eligible member will be the lead applicant; if selected, the lead applicant is responsible for fulfilling the obligations outlined in the funding agreement with the province.

#### **Q4: How were youth perspectives included in the development of YVHTPP?**

Youth perspectives were obtained through the Youth Perspectives Survey which was shared with youth and young adult clients (focusing on ages 12-29) in the YVHTPP target communities.

**Q5: Is the ministry prioritizing certain populations for funding through YVHTPP?**

Yes, YVHTPP will prioritize funding to targeted supports for Black and Indigenous youth, and other youth populations that are disproportionately impacted by violence, victimization and human trafficking. We strongly encourage Indigenous-led and Black-led agencies to apply for funding through YVHTPP.

**Q6: What do you mean by *Indigenous-led* and *Black-led* organizations?**

For YVHTPP, Indigenous-led and Black-led organizations are defined as organizations that: (a) have a mandate to serve the Indigenous or Black community; (b) centre identity in all services, and are delivered through an Anti-Indigenous or Anti-Black racism lens; and (c) have Indigenous or Black leadership at all levels (i.e., staff, executive, governance, etc.).

**Q7: My work does not explicitly focus on Black and/or Indigenous youth – am I still eligible to apply?**

Yes, agencies that work with other youth populations that are disproportionality impacted by violence, victimization and human trafficking are eligible to apply. These populations can include (but are not limited to):

- Gang-involved youth and youth at-risk of gun and gang violence
- Youth in conflict with the law
- Youth involved with, or transitioning out of, child welfare
- Homeless and vulnerable youth
- NEET youth (Not in Education or Employment)
- LGBTQ2S+ youth
- Newcomer youth

**Q8: What is the expected granting term? Is there a maximum funding amount per project?**

The funding for YVHTPP is a total of \$5.2 million over three years (2020-2023):

- 2020-21- up to \$1.5M
- 2021-22- up to \$1.7M
- 2022-23- up to \$2M

Multi-year funding can be requested for up to three years. Single-year funding can also be requested. The maximum funding per project is \$500,000 over three years.

**Q9: I'm planning to apply for funding through YVHTPP, and I have a question about the program. Can I reach out to the YVHTPP team for information?**

Yes. Questions about YVHTPP can be directed to the YVHTPP team via email at [yvhtpp@ontario.ca](mailto:yvhtpp@ontario.ca).

#### **Q10: How do I apply?**

Funding opportunities offered by the Ontario government are made available through Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON). You can use TPON to:

- Register and submit for funding;
- Get information about available funding opportunities; and
- Check the status of your active submissions for funding.

All applications for funding through YVHTPP must be submitted through the TPON system. You can learn more about TPON and how to register at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-funding-ontario-government>.

#### **Q11: What if I experience technical difficulties with TPON?**

If experiencing technical difficulties with TPON, you can access resources to help with registration, account access and general troubleshooting at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-funding-ontario-government>.

You can also contact TPON Client Care, available **Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at:

- **Telephone:** 416-325-6691 or 1-855-216-3090
- **TTY/Teletypewriter (for the hearing impaired):** 416-325-3408/Toll free 1-800-268-7095
- **Email:** [TPONCC@ontario.ca](mailto:TPONCC@ontario.ca)

#### **Q12: How will projects be selected?**

All applications will be assessed using the criteria described in the *Assessment of Application Criteria* section of the YVHTPP Call for Applications Guidelines (Fall 2020).