Sexual Assault Services (SAS) Program
Service Area Selection and Resource Allocation Approach

Community Safety and Crime Prevention

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

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AGENDA

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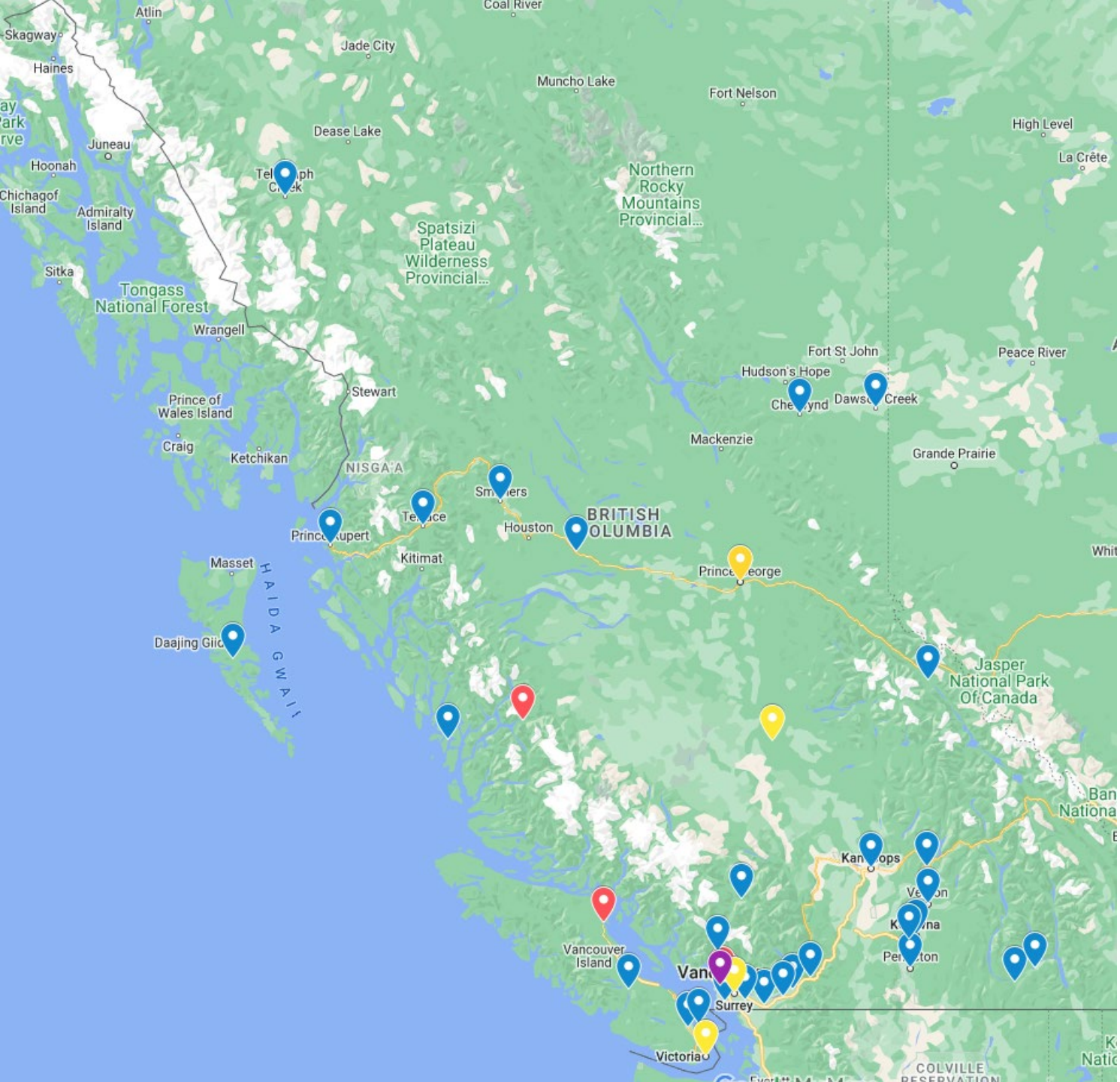
2 PROPOSED MODEL

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Background

Background & Context

- Budget 2022 announced $10 million in stable, ongoing annual funding for SAS programs in the province. This program replaces the Emergency Sexual Assault Services (ESAS) Grant program.

- Ministry staff are establishing contract service areas, a program service description and a procurement process for these new, ongoing programs to be funded beginning April 2023 following the end of the ESAS grant program funding.
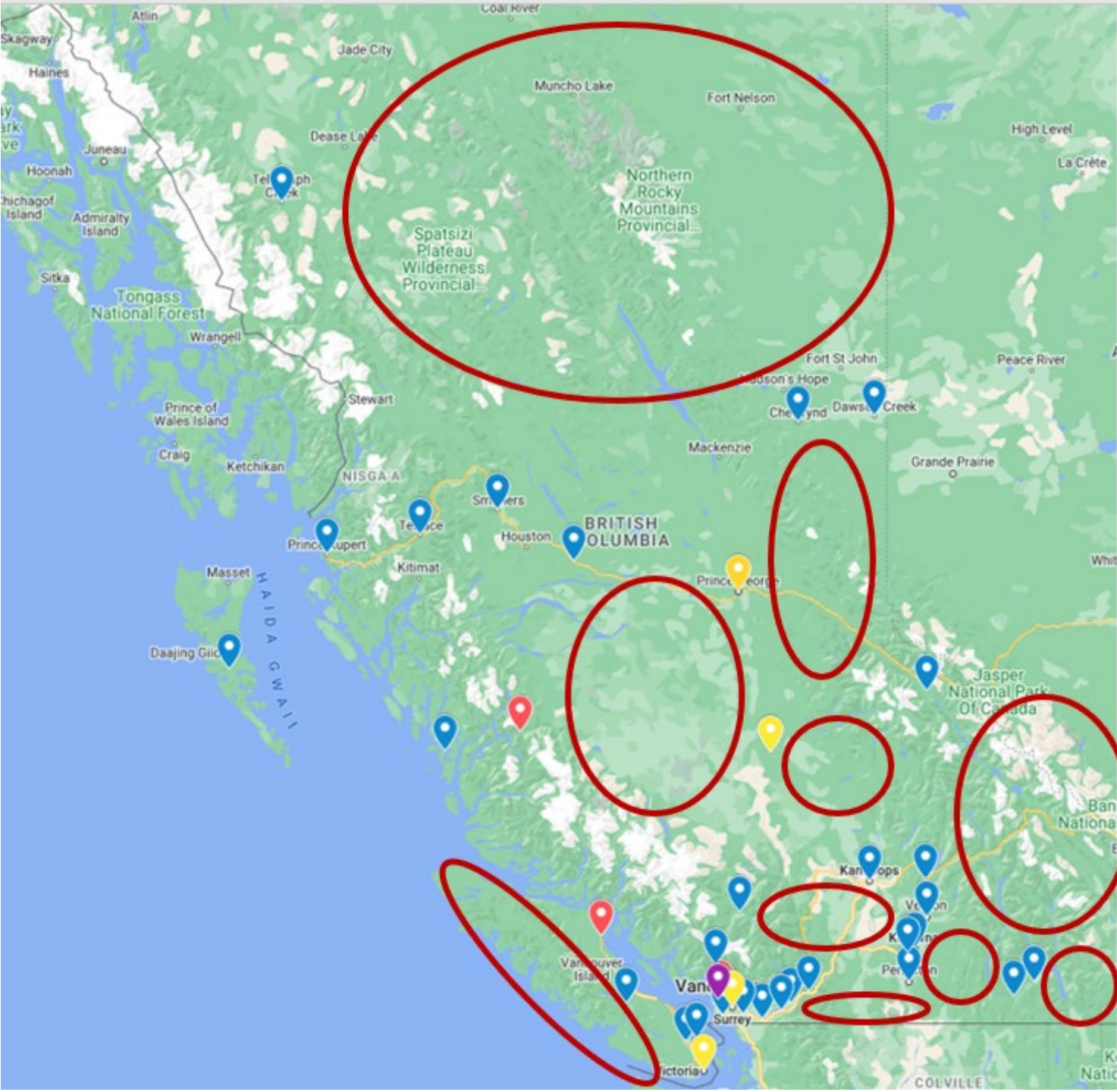
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ESAS Grant Recipients by Location

1 grants
2 grants
3 grants
4 grants

ESAS Grant Gaps in Service

Engagement Sessions

Engagement sessions held late June with ESAS grant recipients (General and Indigenous services streams) and contracted victim service/violence against women service providers; further sessions planned for late August.
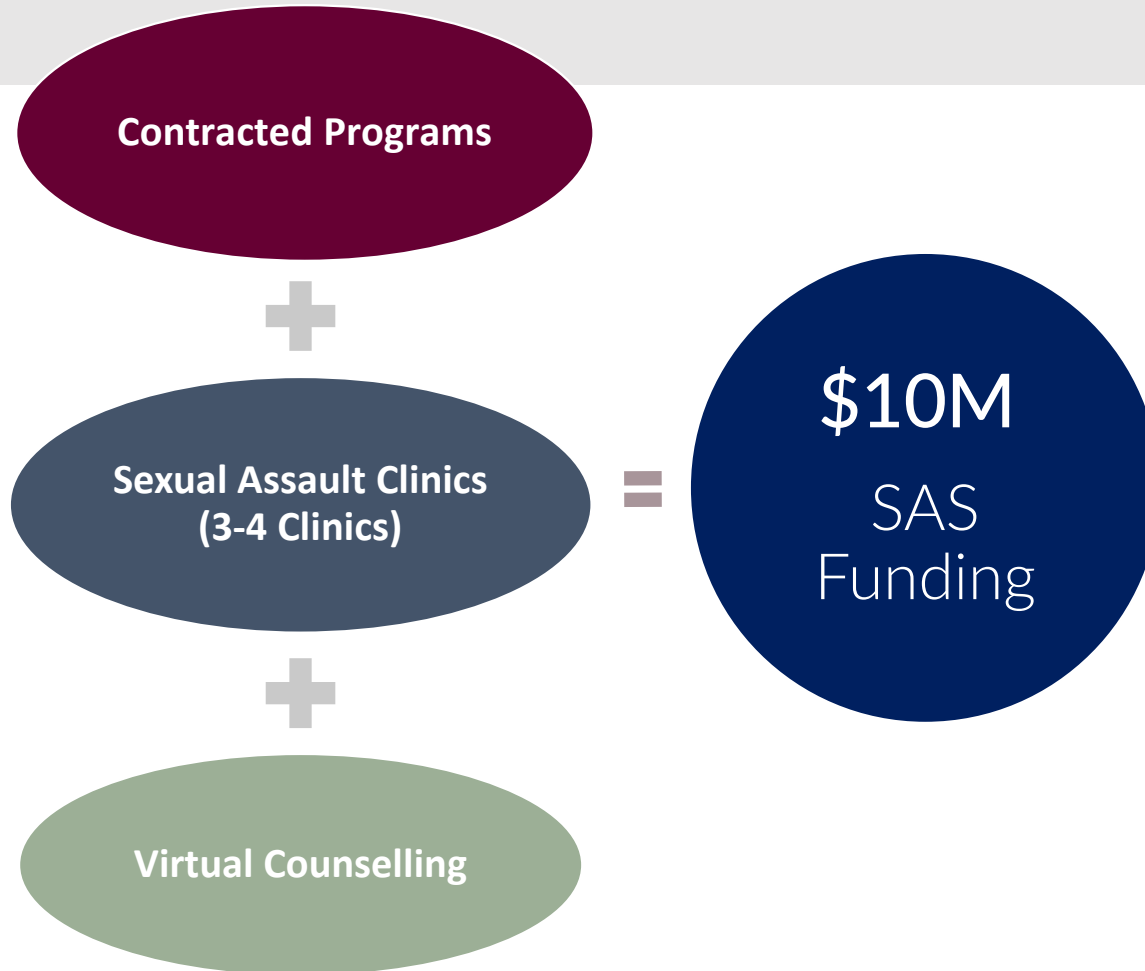
Follow up survey sent to both ESAS and service providers.

Some things we heard…

➢ Multi-year funding for program stability

➢ Flexibility in program design to accommodate community needs

➢ Accessible/equitable application process that reduces barriers and administrative burden

➢ Recognition of unique requirements of rural/remote communities

➢ Flexibility in budget allocation

➢ Importance of anti-violence sector experience and expertise

➢ Significant need for counselling services and rapid access to services

Funding Approach

The $10M in annual Sexual Assault Services funding may be split between contracted programs, Sexual Assault Clinics, and Virtual Counselling

Contracted Programs

+

Sexual Assault Clinics (3-4 Clinics)

+

Virtual Counselling

=

$10M
SAS Funding

Proposed Key Principles

1) **Geographic distribution**: Making services available in as many communities as possible, combining communities into service areas where feasible.

2) **Sustainability**:
   - Minimum 1 FTE per program
   - Align new programs with existing services where possible
   - Pursue approval for multi-year contracts

3) **Accessible and culturally responsive:** Procuring services from Indigenous providers where population ratios warrant an Indigenous-specific program and ensuring non-Indigenous service providers are safe spaces for everyone to access.

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Proposed Services

Potential Program Services

Specific services that may be included in the final program design and contract deliverables:

- Culturally safe and trauma-informed services
- Counselling
- Education, Prevention and Awareness
- Crisis response/safety planning
- Risk assessment
- Wellness planning and proactive service referrals
- Outreach
- Hospital accompaniment
- Transportation
- Service coordination and follow-up
- Emotional support
- Support and options for reporting: third-party reporting
- Coordination

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Proposed Allocation Model

Defining Service Areas

- **Service Area** = the communities and surrounding areas where the SAS program will deliver service

- Current contracted programs use police jurisdictions and local communities to define service areas

- For consistency, we are proposing the same approach be used for SAS programs

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Available Data & Limitations

- Average police-reported crime data
- Population data (including Indigenous populations)
- Average caseload data[1]
- ESAS grant data/preliminary evaluation
- Engagement sessions and survey data
- Victimization data
- Geography
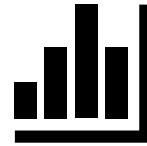- VS/VAW programs and related services available

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[1] – Includes police-based victim services (PBVS), community-based victim services (CBVS), stopping the violence (STV) counselling programs, prevention, education, advocacy, counselling and empowerment (PEACE) programs, outreach services (ORS), and multi-cultural outreach services (M-ORS)

Location Selection

Population

VS Client/Police Data

Testing a model that would provide a service demand indicator and funding level based on the data.

Geography

Proposing service areas and regional services in some areas.

Available Services

Considering other factors including available services in communities, including where ESAS grants were located.

$ ESAS Grant Locations

Questions for you!

1) Do the key principles resonate with you?

2) Are we missing service elements?

3) Are we missing factors that should help us determine program locations?

4) Are we missing factors that should help us determine resource allocation?

5) To inform our guidance about what 'reasonable expenses' are and ensure that we are meeting the desire for 'flexibility', please tell us what sorts of expenses you may envision with a SAS program?

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Next Steps

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What's next?

- Share survey results and engagement summary via website
- Incorporate feedback from service providers
- Finalize service area selection model
- Finalize program design: begin drafting procurement documents
- Share results with service providers before the end of September
- Create procurement webinars, training materials

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Contact

For the latest updates and contact information, please visit:
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/victims-of-crime/service-providers/procurement

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