

Services to Victims of Crime Project Update

June 8, 2015

Dear Service Provider,

As you know, over the past year we have been working on the Services to Victims of Crime Initiative which will prepare contracted service providers who deliver victim service and violence against women programs for the process of open procurement. The initiative has involved several phases of consultation including an online survey and regional consultation sessions. Phase 3 involves the development of a draft procurement plan for further consultation and feedback.

I am pleased to provide you with the attached draft procurement plan for consultation. The draft plan builds on the work done to date and directly incorporates feedback heard through the regional consultation sessions. In addition to providing background information on the initiative, the draft plan includes the following main sections:

- Part 1: Program Design & Service Delivery
- Part 2: Defining Service Areas
- Part 3: Exploring a New Funding Formula for Victim Service and Violence Against Women Programs
- Part 4: Open Procurement Implementation Plan

We remain committed to hearing your feedback as we work toward finalizing the procurement plan. To help facilitate this, an invitation to a survey with questions specific to the various sections of the draft plan will be sent to all contracted service providers. The survey will remain open for approximately 30 days. The information gathered through the survey will be used to finalize the procurement plan.

Additionally, a webinar will be held on Tuesday, June 16 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm for anyone interested in a walkthrough of the various sections of the draft procurement plan. To register for the webinar please email victimservices@gov.bc.ca with the subject "Procurement Webinar."

We know that service providers and staff continue to have questions about this work and we encourage anyone who has questions to continue to call or email. Feel free to contact your program manager or Jamie Lipp, Director of Community Programs. Jamie can be reached by e-mail at jamie.lipp@gov.bc.ca or by phone at 604 660-1872.

We thank everyone for taking the time to provide us with your comments and feedback and look forward to sharing a finalized plan with you.

Sincerely,



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