

Services to Victims of Crime Project Update

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Dear Service Provider,

It has been just over two months since we posted the detailed summary of feedback received through the regional consultation sessions that took place as part of Phase 2 of the Services to Victims of Crime Initiative. Since that time, we have been working on the draft procurement plan (Phase 3) including reviewing and incorporating the feedback received at the regional sessions.

We continue to work towards our goal of releasing the draft procurement plan this spring. Once released, service providers will be provided with approximately one month to provide feedback on the draft plan. As previously indicated, the plan will include information on:

- Proposed program structure (if different from current)
- Proposed procurement timeframes and activities
- Draft RFP documents
- Draft funding formula

We are also exploring a variety of tools and resources to support service providers such as holding information sessions on the draft plan and vendor training sessions on responding to RFPs. We want to ensure that everyone is informed and prepared as much as possible.

We know that service providers and staff continue to have questions about this work. We encourage anyone who has questions to call or email – we are more than happy to connect directly. 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.

Additionally, we worked with the BC Society of Transition Houses (BCSTH) to respond to questions and concerns raised by Children Who Witness Abuse programs. As a result, we have updated the Questions and Answers document on our website at www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/victimservices/service-provider/#Services. I encourage you to take a look.

We look forward to sharing the draft procurement plan with you in the coming months.

Sincerely,



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