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**Subject: UPDATE - FOR INFORMATION: B.C.'s Temporary Pandemic Pay Program**

As you know, the provincial government launched the B.C. Temporary Pandemic Pay (TPP) program to recognize the incredible efforts of frontline employees delivering health and social services to B.C.'s most vulnerable people during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following my last communication below, I'd like to provide you with some updates on how the program will be administered, while acknowledging that the 16-week period of eligibility that started on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 has now concluded. We recognize that many employers in the community social services sector are eager to convey more information to their employees on the status of the TPP program and when eligible employees can expect to receive their wage top-ups. In advance, please accept our appreciation for everyone's patience as provincial funders coordinate and work towards a common implementation process.

**How will we receive this funding?**

The TPP program is being administered by government and implemented across several sectors. Provincial funding ministries are working collaboratively on the details of the funding process and reporting requirements. When these details have been confirmed, your organization will be contacted to engage in the process of confirming eligibility and hours worked by eligible employees.

**When will the funds be made available?**

Based on the information provided on the B.C. TPP Program [webpage](#), we encourage you to start identifying provincially-funded programs that meet the criteria for TPP, confirm eligible roles and track time worked. We appreciate the online information may not address all the specific questions that agencies and employees will have at this time and we will communicate more details to eligible agencies as they become available.

Once details of the funding process are finalized by government and reporting requirements by employers have been met, funds will be paid in a lump sum to employers for further disbursement to their eligible employees.

**We have programs that are funded by local government (or other entities) *and* by the province, what funding are we eligible for under Temporary Pandemic Pay for our frontline employees who deliver eligible services?**

TPP applies to *provincially* funded employers or service providers with an eligible workplace and roles. This means, if a program is half funded by a local government (or any other entity), and half by the province, you will be able to claim TPP on behalf of your frontline workers for half of the hours worked delivering the eligible service hours.

**Who can we contact with specific questions?**

If you have any questions, please contact [VictimServices@gov.bc.ca](mailto:VictimServices@gov.bc.ca)

Sincerely,

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