

ONTARIO SUPPORTS ABORIGINAL VICTIMS OF CRIME IN PETERBOROUGH

*McGuinty Government Invests In Improved Community Services
For Aboriginal Victims*

NEWS

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New funding through the Aboriginal Victims Support Grant will help two Aboriginal organizations in Peterborough develop projects that will support the healing process of First Nations, Inuit and Métis victims of crime.

Manito Healing Lodge will receive \$29,500 to provide workshops on traditional healing methods. The workshops will be delivered by victims of the residential school system and address the intergenerational impact of residential schools on First Nations youth, adults, families and communities.

Hiawatha First Nation will receive \$25,000 to build healing spaces at the Hiawatha First Nation Health Centre, and purchase a van for transportation services. The new healing spaces will provide services to Aboriginal victims of violence and abuse, as well as support for residential school survivors and their families. The new vehicle will increase access to services for victims in more rural areas.

QUOTE

“The Aboriginal Victims Support Grant Program provides local solutions to local challenges. Through the support of their community and traditional healing methods, Aboriginal victims will feel the long-lasting benefits of the services these programs will be able to provide.”

— Chris Bentley, Attorney General

QUICK FACTS

- \$2 million in one-time funding has been awarded to 21 Aboriginal organizations through the Aboriginal Victims Support Grant Program. Grants will fund local projects that support victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, hate crimes and historic abuse in primarily underserved areas of the province.
- The government received 125 applications for the grants, which are funded through the Victims' Justice Fund. The fund is dedicated to providing services for victims of crime.
- Ontario is developing an Aboriginal Justice Strategy with a vision to provide coordinated, responsive justice services to First Nations, Inuit and Métis people.

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Read [what people are saying](#) about the Aboriginal Victims Support Grant recipients.

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