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# First Nations Policing Policy and Program Renewal

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# Purpose



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- To provide an overview of the renewal of the First Nations Policing Policy (the Policy) and Program (FNPP) beyond March 31, 2018.
- Outline next steps in the engagement and renewal processes.





- The First Nations Policing Program (FNPP) supports professional, dedicated and culturally responsive policing services.
- The FNPP operates pursuant to a policy framework – the First Nations Policing Policy (the Policy).
- Under the FNPP, costs are shared between the federal government (52%) and the provincial and territorial governments (48%).
- In 2014-2015, the FNPP funded:
  - 186 policing agreements, policing a population of 416,000; and
  - 1299 police officers in 455 First Nation and Inuit communities.

# Key Drivers for FNPP Renewal



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- Multi-year stable funding secured for the FNPP in Budget 2013 has provided the opportunity to review the existing Policy and Program to ensure its effectiveness and sustainability beyond March 31, 2018.
- The FNPP footprint has remained largely unchanged since 2007-2008.
- The spring 2014 Report of the Auditor General (AG) of Canada included recommendations in several areas related to FNPP renewal, such as:
  - Updating the Policy;
  - Ensuring meaningful input from First Nation and Inuit communities when entering into policing agreements; and
  - Addressing challenges related to policing infrastructure.



# Renewal Approach



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- FNPP renewal consists of:
  - Updating the Policy to reflect modern policing and policy landscapes;
  - Creating financial sustainability for the FNPP;
  - Building on the success of the Program and evidence about what works to respond effectively to policing and public safety needs; and
  - Considering alternative and innovative approaches to service delivery.
- Important to conduct meaningful engagement with Program stakeholders in order to renew the FNPP and build on existing successes.
  - Focus on engaging stakeholders to gather information on the current Policy and Program and future end state.



# What we've heard so far



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- Sustainable funding is a key issue for First Nation and Inuit police services, which have received limited increases to their operating budgets since 2007-2008.
- Stakeholders have underscored that there is no “one size fits all” approach and have emphasized need for flexibility, given different jurisdictions, capacities and needs.
- First Nation and Inuit communities are best placed to identify their policing and public safety priorities, and must be included in the development of FNPP agreements.
- Alternative service delivery options, such as Community Safety Officers, and integrated approaches to service delivery are important and can increase effectiveness and efficiency.
- Stakeholders continue to underline importance of expansion of the FNPP in jurisdictions with a limited presence.



# Engagement Strategy and Next Steps



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- Online engagement strategy planned for spring 2016 to obtain input and inform subsequent engagement activities.
  - Includes strategy to reach communities with limited online connectivity.
- Regional stakeholder engagement sessions in spring-summer 2016.
- Focused engagements with specific stakeholder groups, such as the First Nations Chiefs of Police Association, in spring-summer 2016.
  - Includes bilateral meetings and regular meetings of stakeholder groups (e.g., Annual General Meetings).

