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AMO Policy Update – \$1.75 Billion Announced for Broadband Across Canada

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, [announced](#) an additional \$750 million to support connectivity through an expanded [Universal Broadband Fund](#) (UBF) today. The UBF supports the Government of Canada’s goal of connecting all Canadians by 2030. The Fund was originally announced in 2019, providing \$1 billion to support connectivity. Municipal governments are eligible to apply to the Fund.

The UBF includes \$150 million for Rapid Response Stream projects which can connect Canadians by November 15, 2021, and \$50 million available for mobile internet projects primarily for Indigenous communities. The Prime Minister also announced today an agreement with Telesat to improve high-speed internet coverage for the far north, rural, and remote regions across Canada through Low Earth Orbiting satellites.

The UBF complements Ontario’s recent [significant expansion](#) of its ICON broadband funding program which together will improve connectivity to unserved and underserved regions in Ontario.

AMO’s [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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