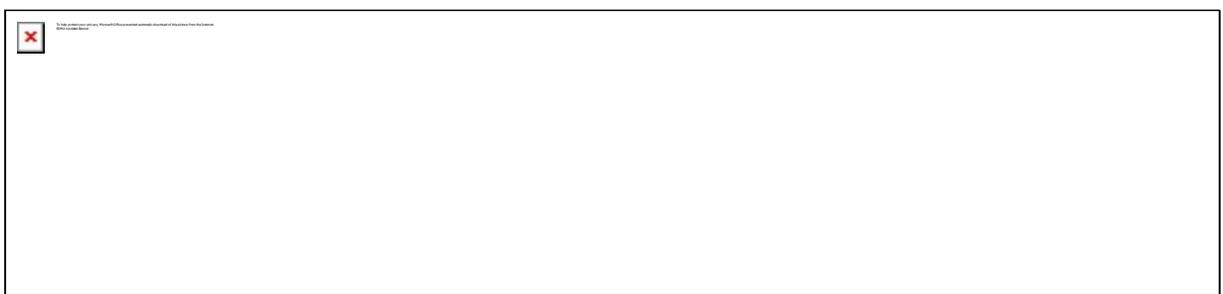


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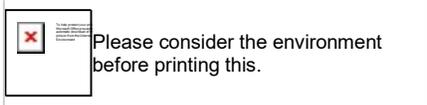
Funding and Resources for Improved Connectivity Reminder – Universal Broadband Fund and Improving Connectivity for Ontario

Improving connectivity is one of ROMA's main objectives this year as members like you have told us how important better internet and cellular access is for the health, safety and prosperity of residents and communities.

In addition to the new member resources on connectivity, the [Municipal Primer](#) and [Municipal Roadmap](#), ROMA is taking this opportunity to remind members about the recent launch of the federal government's much anticipated Federal [Universal Broadband Fund](#) (UBF). The UBF will provide \$1.75 billion to support projects which increase internet and cellular connectivity for Canadians, including a \$150 million Rapid Response Stream for projects which can be completed quickly. ROMA encourages members to review the UBF materials, sign up for a [webinar](#) and apply for funding.

The UBF is in addition to Ontario's [Improving Connectivity for Ontario](#) (ICON) program which was [recently doubled](#) to \$300 million.

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