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Investment through the Community Safety and Policing Grant Program

Today, Solicitor General Jones [announced the investment of \\$2.8 million](#) through the Community Safety and Policing Grant Program. This funding will be assigned to projects that provide police services with tools and resources that enable deployment of frontline officers as well as support police services as they implement public safety and community policing initiatives that focus on local or provincial priorities.

This investment funds a maximum of \$200,000 per project and will be allocated over the 2020-2022 period. The [successful projects](#) require police services to report each year on the outcomes of their initiatives.

Broadband Investments in Northern Ontario Announced

Laurie Scott, the Minister of Infrastructure, has [announced](#) \$10.9 million to support broadband improvements in Northern Ontario towns and First Nations communities. The funding, part of the Province's [Up To Speed](#) strategy that includes the [ICON](#) funding program, will help to:

- build infrastructure that brings high-speed broadband to more areas in Chisholm, Marathon, Terrace Bay, rural Thunder Bay, and Oliver Paipoonge;
- construct a new 22-kilometre fibre backbone network that brings high-speed broadband to Seine River First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing #37 First Nation, and Big Grassy First Nation; and

- upgrade the speed and capacity of the K-Net network, owned by Keewaytinook Okimakanak and which serves more than 80 First Nation communities, while supporting future upgrades.

AMO and ROMA have been advocating for better broadband and connectivity for Ontario's rural, northern, and underserved communities for some time.

ROMA recently released [resources](#) to help councils improve connectivity in their communities and will continue to press for better connectivity, including through discussions at the upcoming virtual [ROMA annual conference](#).

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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January 26, 2021

AMO Policy Update – 2021 OCIP Funding, 2nd Intake of Municipal Modernization Program, and Provincial Emergency Extension

A few provincial announcements occurred at the ROMA conference, which occurred on January 25-26, and we have put them together for your convenience.

Second Intake of the Municipal Modernization Program Announced at ROMA Conference

During the 2021 Annual ROMA Conference, the Honourable Minister Steve Clark has [announced](#) the opening of the second intake of the Municipal Modernization Program. At today's announcement, the Minister noted that government is investing \$40 million dollars to help small and rural municipalities to assist with service delivery reviews and modernization efforts.

The funding is application based and targets 405 municipalities across Ontario. The first intake of the program saw 184 modernization projects funded. These included service reviews, implementing previous recommendations from service reviews, IT upgrades, or process improvements that help municipalities become more efficient with taxpayers' dollars.

Today's announcement is part of the \$125 million committed through 2022-23. For more program information, please visit the [program website](#).

2021 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Announced

Premier Doug Ford [announced](#) the 2021 [OCIF](#) envelope at the ROMA Conference on Monday. In 2021, OCIF will be stable with the Province providing \$200M again this year to 424 municipalities across Ontario. Stability in the funding envelope has been a major policy goal of AMO's during the pandemic.

OCIF supports municipal core infrastructure such as roads, bridges, water, wastewater, and stormwater systems. Individual formula allocations to municipal governments have been provided by the Ministry of Infrastructure.

The Premier also noted in his remarks that the Province has allocated almost \$1 billion to broadband expansion. Affordable broadband access remains a key objective of AMO and ROMA. The full text of Premier Ford's comments can be found [here](#).

Provincial Emergency Declaration Extended

Ontario's [Declaration of Emergency](#), and all orders in force under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, including the Stay-at-Home order, have been extended until Feb 9, 2021.

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February 1, 2021

AMO Digital Partner Webinars: Health & Safety Training Initiatives and Managing Online Bookings

This February, join AMO's digital services partners, [4S Consulting Services Inc.](#) and [eSolutionsGroup](#), for webinars on tools and initiatives to help your municipality during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Health & Safety and Training Initiatives to Support Ontario Businesses During COVID-19

February 10, 2021 – [Register here](#)

4S Consulting Services Inc. is hosting an online panel with the Honourable Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training & Skills Development and Ron Kelusky, Chief Prevention Officer of Ontario along with industry leaders to discuss health and safety initiatives during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as some of the Ministry's priorities and initiatives for 2021.

Planning in a Pandemic: Managing COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination Appointments Online

CORRECTION: February 25, 2021 – [Register here](#)

Municipalities and healthcare providers worldwide are struggling to adapt to protect public safety while managing high volumes of COVID-19 testing and vaccination appointments. In this webinar, eSolutionsGroup discusses the challenges of handling these unprecedented requirements and how [Appointmentio](#) can address these challenges while decreasing the administrative burden on your staff.

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