

Let's Vote for some funding. And you can help!

Ontario's Budget Talks: Vote for Rural Public Libraries!

As part of the **2017 Ontario budget process**, the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) partnered with the Ontario Library Association to submit an idea to the Ontario Ministry of Finance that focuses on improving the technology infrastructure (broadband and bandwidth) of public libraries in rural, northern and Indigenous communities.

We're thrilled to announce that, out of 400 submissions, our idea was selected as one of 17 finalists!

There is a total of \$3 million ready to be distributed by the government through this community-sourced initiative.

Visit Ontario.ca/Budgettalks to vote for your three favourite ideas by midnight, February 23, 2017. The eight top-voted ideas will be announced as part of the upcoming 2017 Budget. We also invite you to **share this idea** with your networks to increase our idea's vote count. Voting is open to the general public; you must register to vote (but it's simple).

Here are some ideas:

Share this opportunity with your communities in your e-mailings, newsletters and on your Library's website.

Consider making this voting opportunity as the splash screen or default page one of your more prominent computer stations.

Ask your library's members and staff to vote.

[Vote now.](#)

Our communities depend on us to advocate for their needs!

Cheers,

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