

Ottawa cuts CAP public web access funding

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The federal government is cutting funding for a public internet access program, CBC News has learned. The Community Access Program (CAP or C@P) operates out of libraries and community centres across Canada to provide free or low-cost internet access to the public.

The CAP program pays for the web connection, rent in community centres, and for coordinators and technical support. Those that find a way to remain open will offer less technical support and be unable to update equipment.

Supporters fear the loss of the program will have a dramatic effect on those in low income communities and people on a fixed income. Statistics Canada says [fewer than 54 per cent of households in the lowest income bracket \(less than \\$30,000 annually\) have home Internet access.](#)

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