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I urge you to support SB 885 for hiring a consultant to assist libraries apply for federal moneys for broadband access.

Libraries across Oregon, particularly rural and small libraries, are strained financially. On a good day, they do not have much budget to work with to provide all of the amazing services, programs, and access to the resources they collect. Electronic access through broadband is essential to libraries and expected of libraries, but can be difficult to provide financially. Providing \$750,000 for the Connecting Oregon Libraries Fund for matching federal broadband infrastructure grants would really help libraries by funding a part-time consultant to assist public libraries apply for federal E-Rate funds.

Please support SB 885. Please support libraries.  
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