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Opposition looking for MOG increases in budget

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The Liberal Opposition wants to see an increase in Municipal Operating Grants (MOGs) in the upcoming provincial budget. Roland Butler, Municipal Affairs critic, says the current government was continuously asking for increases in the annual operating grants when they were in opposition.

"There are many towns in Newfoundland and Labrador struggling because of a declining tax base. As people move away, communities are having more difficulty in providing services and infrastructure upgrades. This problem will continue to get worse unless government steps forward with help in the form of increased MOGs," Butler says.

"Now that the province is in a financial position to address this situation, government should make an investment to restore these grants to previous funding levels. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador has called for larger investments."