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## **RDA to hold grant workshop in Mount Isa**

Local councils and not-for-profit organisations can learn how to make a stronger application for Australian Government funding by attending at a workshop in Mount Isa next week.

The Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) Round 3 has opened for the Community Investments Stream, which is available for community projects, and the Infrastructure Projects Stream.

Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland will hold a workshop at the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning Office in Mount Isa on 9<sup>th</sup> October from 3pm – 4.30pm.

RDA Chief Executive Officer Glenys Schuntner said the RDA workshop would provide information on the guidelines and making stronger applications.

“This program provides funding for regional areas and allows local communities to decide which projects are important to their region and will create short and long term jobs,” Ms Schuntner said.

“As the tourism industry plays an integral part of regional economies, this round of the BBRF will earmark up to \$45 million to support tourism related infrastructure.”

For those who are unable to attend the workshop in Mount Isa, RDA also has an option to dial-in through a webinar on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 12pm-1.30pm.

The Community Investments Stream provides grants of between \$5,000 to \$10 million to fund community activities.

The Infrastructure Projects Stream provides organisations with grants of between \$20,000 and \$10 million to support new infrastructure or upgrade existing infrastructure.

RDA provided assistance to councils and not-for-profit organisations during BBRF Round Two and 15 projects in the RDA region secured more than \$2.7 million.

Applications close for both streams of BBRF funding Round 3 on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

For information on registering for the free workshops go to the RDA webpage at: [www.rdanwq.org.au](http://www.rdanwq.org.au)

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