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## **RDA to hold grant workshop in Townsville**

Local councils and not-for-profit organisations can learn how to make stronger applications for Australian Government funding by attending a free workshop in Townsville 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 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.”

The Townsville workshop will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 3pm-4.30pm — at the RDA office, Level 1, Enterprise House, 6 The Strand.

For those unable to attend there will be a dial-in webinar workshop 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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