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## **RDA assisting Ingham with grant applications**

Businesses and not-for-profit organisations in Ingham can learn how to prepare stronger grant applications through workshops being held by Regional Development Australia.

Regional Development Australia is holding the free workshop, in partnership with local, state and federal governments, to provide updates on grants and programs and advice on developing strong applications for the Building Better Regions Fund.

RDA Chief Executive Officer Glenys Schuntner said the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund is just for rural, regional and remote communities.

"The program provides funding for both infrastructure projects and community investment that will create jobs, drive economic growth and build stronger regional communities," Ms Schuntner said.

Over the past five years RDA has provided support and advice to regional councils and not-for-profit organisations to make stronger applications for Federal Government funding programs.

RDA has helped secure \$30.5 million through previous funding programs, including \$500,000 to build the Ingham social services hub.

Hinchinbrook Community Support Centre Manager Linda McClelland said the hub had brought together a range of organisations and services.

"Hub by name and hub by nature, we have become a one stop shop for those with needs or seeking support in our community," Ms McClelland said.

"The hub has also allowed us to provide a range of activities, including art exhibits and community meetings."

The free RDA workshop will be held at the Tyto Conference Centre on 2 February, with tickets available on-line at Townsville Tickets.

The workshops will also include information on Australian and Queensland Government grants and programs administered by AusIndustry and their partner Townsville Business Development Centre and the Department of State Development.

For more information on the RDA workshops go to: [www.rdanwq.org.au](http://www.rdanwq.org.au)

Building Better Regions Fund applications have now opened and guidelines are available at: [www.business.gov.au/assistance/building-better-regions-fund](http://www.business.gov.au/assistance/building-better-regions-fund)

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