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## **RDA assisting Townsville with grant applications**

Local not-for-profit organisations are being encouraged to attend free workshops to learn how to prepare stronger grant applications for the Australian Government’s Building Better Regions Fund.

Regional Development Australia will be holding the workshops in Townsville on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February.

RDA Chief Executive Officer Glenys Schuntner said the new program 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.

Applications close for the Infrastructure Projects Stream on 28 February and the Community Investments Stream on 31 March.

The free RDA workshop tickets are available at [townsvilletickets.com.au](http://townsvilletickets.com.au)

“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,” Ms Schuntner said.

“RDA has helped secure \$30.5 million for 13 projects in our region through previous funding programs – the RDA Fund and the Nation Stronger Regions Fund.”

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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