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RDA to hold grant workshop in Mount Isa

Local councils and not-for-profit organisations are being encouraged to attend a free workshop in Mount Isa next week to help with their applications for the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF).

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

“There are two streams of BBRF funding - the Community Investments Stream, which is available for community projects and the Infrastructure Projects Stream,” Ms Schuntner said.

“This Australian Government 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.”

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 One, which provided more than \$14.5 million to 11 projects in the RDA region.

“During Round Two we will be holding workshops in Mount Isa and Townsville, with an option for those who can’t attend in person to dial-in through a webinar.

“RDA is also sponsoring an extra workshop on 1 December, focusing on addressing the economic and social benefits criteria, which will be presented by AEC Group Economist Matthew Kelly.”

The Mount Isa workshop will be held on 29 November from 10.50am-1.00pm at the Department of State Development Office, Mount Isa.

The Townsville workshops, which can be accessed via webinar, will be held on 1 December focusing on BBRF Guidelines and BBRF Criteria

Applications close for both streams of BBRF funding Round 2 on 19 December 2017.

For information on registering for the free workshops go to: www.rdanwq.org.au

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