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

RDA is holding workshops in Townsville to assist councils and not-for-profit organisations with their applications for Australian Government funding.

RDA Chief Executive Officer Glenys Schuntner said the free workshops would provide information on the guidelines and making stronger applications to the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF).

“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 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.”

Two workshops will be held on 1 December - BBRF Guidelines in the morning session and BBRF Criteria in the afternoon session.

“RDA is sponsoring the BBRF Criteria workshop, which will focus on addressing the economic and social benefits criteria and be presented by AEC Group Economist Matthew Kelly,” Ms Schuntner said.

“However, for those who can’t attend either session in person, they have an option to dial-in to the workshops through a webinar.”

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

The Townsville workshops will be held at the Department of State Development Office.

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

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

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