



## Building Better Regions Fund Opens

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Pilbara is pleased to announce that Round One of the Australian Government's \$297.7 million Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) is now open.

The programme supports the Australian Government's commitment to create jobs, drive economic growth and build stronger regional communities into the future. It will fund projects in regional Australia outside the major capital cities of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, and Canberra. More information including information sessions, application guidelines and fact sheets are available by [clicking here](#).

### Who can apply?

To be eligible you must be a legal entity, have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be one of the following entities:

- a local governing body as defined by the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995.
- a not for profit organisation (the Infrastructure Projects Stream requires you to have been established for at least two years).

You are not eligible to apply if you are:

- a for profit organisation
- an individual, partnership or trust (however, an incorporated trustee may apply on behalf of a trust)
- a Commonwealth, state or territory government agency or body (including government business enterprises)
- a university, technical college, school or hospital
- a Regional Development Australia Committee.

There are two streams of funding available under the programme:

### Community Investments Stream

The [Community Investments Stream](#) will fund community building activities including, but not limited to, new or expanded local events, strategic regional plans, and leadership and capability building activities. These projects will deliver economic and social benefits to regional and remote communities. Applications for the Community Investments Stream opened on 18 January 2017 and close on 31 March 2017.

### Infrastructure Projects Stream

The [Infrastructure Projects Stream](#) provides funding for projects which involve the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade or extension of existing infrastructure that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas. Applications for the Infrastructure Projects Stream opened on 18 January 2017 and close on 28 February 2017.

### Information Sessions

Information sessions on the BBRF will provide more information about the funding available and how to apply. Please find below details for the Karratha session. For those not able to attend, one information session has been recorded and posted to the [Business.gov.au](#) website. [Click here](#) to view.

**Date:** Tuesday, 24th January 2017

**Venue:** Welcome Lotteries House, Welcome Lotteries House, 7 Morse Court Karratha

**Time:** 10.30am - 12.00pm

**To register:** [Click here](#)