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Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) – Round 4



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BBRF Round 4 Highlights

- Funding pool of \$200 Million
- Infrastructure Projects Stream invests in shovel ready projects
- Community Investments Stream invests in projects to strengthen sense of community in our regions
- Round 4 targeting drought-affected regions (discussed later)
- Closing : 5.00pm (AEDT), Thursday, 19 December 2019



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Round 4 processes

- The grant opportunity opened on 14 November 2019 with guidelines published on business.gov.au and GrantConnect
- Completion and submission of a grant application closes at 5.00pm (AEDT) on Thursday, 19 December 2019
- Applications are assessed (anticipated 10 weeks)
- Application panel makes grant recommendations
- Grant decisions are made (anticipated 10 weeks)
- Applicants are notified of outcome
- Grant agreements are entered into (anticipated 1 to 5 weeks)
- Notification to unsuccessful candidates (anticipated 1 to 2 weeks)
- Delivery of grant



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Projects in drought-affected locations

You will be required to provide evidence that your project is taking place in a drought-affected area (or can show your project has significant benefits to a related drought area). Evidence could include:

- Councils eligible for Drought Communities Programme funding
- Located in an area drought-declared by the State government
- Bureau of Meteorology rainfall data showing extended period without or significant decline in rainfall
- Demonstrated impact of economic and/or employment decline as a result of drought



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Projects in drought-affected locations - continued

Possible sources for evidence include:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/data/>

<http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/drought/>

<https://algorithm.data61.csiro.au/tackling-drought-with-data-visualisation-the-common-operating-picture/>

<https://www.longpaddock.qld.gov.au/drought/sequence/?p=timeline>

<https://www.longpaddock.qld.gov.au/drought/drought-declarations/>

<https://www.business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs/Drought-Communities-Programme-Extension>



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Eligible organisations for Infrastructure Projects Stream AND Community Investments Stream

- Must have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Incorporated not for profit organisation
- Australian local government agency or body
- Non-distributing co-operative



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Non-eligible organisations for Infrastructure Projects Stream AND Community Investments Stream

- For profit
- Individuals, partnerships or trusts
- Commonwealth, state or territory government agency or body
- University, technical college, school or hospital
- RDA committee



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Eligible locations for Infrastructure Projects Stream AND Community Investments Stream

- Must not be located in an excluded area unless you can demonstrate significant benefits and employment outcomes which flow directly into an eligible area (mapping tool available on business.gov.au)
- Must take place in a drought affected location

Your project location determines your remoteness classification which will determine your co-contribution obligations



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Infrastructure Projects Stream

- INVESTMENT READY PROJECTS – where steps have been taken to allow construction to commence within 12 weeks of executing an agreement.

This includes where you have:

- authority of the land or infrastructure owner to undertake project on the nominated site
- confirmed funding contributions verifiable with formal documentation
- submissions ready (or submitted) for all regulatory and/or development approvals
- finalised project designs and costings



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Infrastructure Projects Stream Grant amount and grant period

A minimum \$20,000 to a maximum of \$10 million

- Completion by 31 December 2022
- Your co-contribution must be cash and you must provide formal documentation confirming the cash contribution

Total Commonwealth funding (including this grant)

Remote or very remote areas - up to 75% of total eligible project cost

Exempt from contribution - up to 100%

All other classifications - up to 50%



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Infrastructure Projects Stream Eligible activities

Your project must be aimed at the construction, upgrade or extension of infrastructure that provides economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas and must comprise one of the following:

- Construction of new infrastructure
- Upgrade to existing infrastructure
- Extension of existing infrastructure
- Replacement of infrastructure where there is significant increase in benefit

Construction must not have started



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Community Investments Stream

Community Investments Stream will fund new or expanded Local Events, Strategic Regional Plans and Leadership and capability strengthening activities that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas.

The project must not have commenced



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Community Investments Stream Grant amount and grant period

- A minimum \$5,000 to a maximum \$1 million
- Completion by 31 December 2022
- Your co-contribution must be cash and you must provide formal documentation confirming the cash contribution

Total Commonwealth funding (including this grant)

Remote or very remote areas project cost - up to 75% of total eligible

Exempt from contribution - up to 100%

Total grant amount to \$20K- up to 100%

All other classifications - up to 50%



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Community Investments Stream Qualifications and skills

Relevant personnel working on the project must maintain the following registration/checks:

- Working with Children check
- Working with Vulnerable People registration



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Community Investments Stream Local Events

Events drive economic growth, promote community participation and inclusion, encourage volunteerism and build on a region's identity.

You can only receive funding for an event once under this program.

Funding is intended as seed funding for local events that are:

- New to the community; or
- Support a significant addition to an existing event



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Community Investments Stream Strategic planning

Facilitation of the development of quality regional plans driving strong regions. Focus on pursuing economic opportunities and/or addressing identified challenges across a region/industry.

Eligible activities include:

- Regional skills audit
- Research projects to support regional development strategic plans
- Collecting socio-economic information.



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Community Investments Stream Regional leadership and capability

Activities to build capability of regional leaders, equipping them with skills to effectively drive change and champion positive futures for their communities. Need to demonstrate clear and definitive outcomes including broad benefits for the community.

Eligible activities include:

- leadership courses
- participation and community building measures for young people
- participation in activities to improve local business and industry leadership capability



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Infrastructure Projects Stream AND Community Investments Stream Eligible expenditure

- Funds must be spent on eligible expenditure as defined in the grant agreement
- Funds must be spent on direct costs of the project
- Costs must be incurred between project start and end dates unless otherwise stated in grant agreement

A guide to eligible and ineligible expenditure is included with the program guidelines



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Infrastructure Projects Stream AND Community Investments Stream Assessment criteria

- You must address all assessment criteria in your application
- The amount of detail and supporting evidence should be relative to the project size, complexity and grant amount
- You must provide evidence to support your answers against each of the assessment criteria
- The application form displays size limits for answers



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Infrastructure Projects Stream AND Community Investments Stream Assessment criteria weighting

- Economic benefits of your project for the region (15 points)
- Social benefits of your project for the region (15 points)
- Capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project (5 points)
- Impact of funding on your project (5 points)



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How to apply for Infrastructure Projects Stream AND Community Investments Stream

- Read and understand the guidelines
- Liaise with your local RDA which can assist you identify and develop a strong project proposal
- You can only submit an application during the funding round
- Complete the online application form on business.gov.au including all information requested, addressing all application criteria with necessary attachments



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General Infrastructure Projects Stream AND Community Investments Stream

The objectives of the program are to:

- Drive economic growth
- Build stronger regional communities into the future

The intended outcomes of the program are to:

- Create jobs
- Have a positive impact on economic activity, including indigenous economic participation through employment and supplier-use outcomes
- Enhance community facilities
- Enhance leadership capacity
- Encourage community cohesion and a sense of identity



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We encourage you to contact us if you have any questions regarding this funding round. We look forward to working with you to support you in your application process.....

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