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Regions encouraged to apply for federal funding

Local councils and not-for profit organisations are being encouraged to apply for Federal Government funding for projects that will benefit their communities.

Round Two of the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) has opened, which supports regional areas through infrastructure projects, under the Infrastructure Projects stream and community strengthening projects, under the Community Investments stream.

Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland CEO Glenys Schuntner said the BBRF program allowed communities to decide which projects can build their region and create jobs.

“In the BBRF Round One, our RDA region secured \$14,667,381 for 11 projects,” Ms Schuntner said.

“Successful infrastructure projects included; the construction of the Hughenden Recreational Lake and Stage 2 of the retail and business precinct on Palm Island.

“While a number of organisations received funding for community projects including; the development of the Burdekin Tourism Strategy, the preservation of Mount Isa Rodeo’s history and for a beef industry forum in Karumba.

“I encourage all proponents of well-developed projects to consider this great opportunity to progress projects of regional and local significance.”

RDA will provide further updates on BBRF in its Community Connections newsletters – to subscribe please go to: www.rdanwg.org.au

BBRF Round Two applications close 19 December 2017 5.00pm AEDT.

More information about the Building Better Regions Fund is available at: www.business.gov.au/bbrf.

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