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RDA assisting the Burdekin with grant applications

Businesses and not-for-profit organisations in the Burdekin can learn how to prepare stronger grant applications through workshops being held by Regional Development Australia.

RDA is holding a free workshop in Ayr, in partnership with local, state and federal governments, to provide updates on grants and programs and advice on developing stronger applications for the Building Better Regions Fund.

RDA Chief Executive Officer Glenys Schuntner said the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund is just for rural, regional and remote communities.

"The program provides funding for both infrastructure projects and community investment that will create jobs, drive economic growth and build stronger regional communities," Ms Schuntner said.

Burdekin Shire Council Mayor Lyn McLaughlin encourages the region's businesses and not-for-profit organisations to attend the RDA workshop.

"Council welcomes the opportunity to work with Regional Development Australia in ensuring our community is aware of the government support programs and funding opportunities available to them," she said.

"This workshop will also help council and local organisations ensure they are submitting strong funding applications to the Building Better Regions Fund."

The workshops will also include information on Australian and Queensland Government grants and programs administered by AusIndustry and their partner Townsville Business Development Centre and the Department of State Development.

The free RDA workshop will be held at the Burdekin Shire Council on 10th February, with tickets available on-line at townsvilletickets.com.au

For more information on the RDA workshops go to: www.rdanwq.org.au

Building Better Regions Fund applications have now opened and guidelines are available at: www.business.gov.au/assistance/building-better-regions-fund

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