



TOWNSVILLE
AND NORTH WEST
QUEENSLAND INC

*Developing the long term
sustainability of our region*

Newsflash

From the CEO's desk



Good Afternoon!

Today we would like to provide an update on RDA Fund Rounds 3 and 4.

Project proponents' briefings to RDA prior to 6 December

As per our website, potential applicants are invited to contact us at RDA and may take the opportunity to provide an overview of their project. Given the large scale of our region and to provide equal access for all as our Committee members are located in a variety of locations, we can accept hard copies or emails (under 2MB) of your project overview at our office in Townsville and we will distribute the overview documents to each Committee member.

If sending hard copies, 11 copies of the overview document will need to arrive at the RDA Townsville office by COB on Tuesday 27 November. RDA will then distribute a copy to each Committee member. Emails can be received up until 5 December but please limit the email size to 2 MB.

After the closing of Expressions of Interest at 5:00pm on 6 December, the RDA Committee and staff cannot receive further information about projects.

Question regarding leverage of funding from other sources (feedback from the Australian Government)

"Can funds already spent on a project be counted as partner contributions?"

Funding which has already been allocated to or invested in a project which has commenced, cannot be counted as partnership funding. Grant funding can be requested for existing projects or projects which have commenced, where that funding is for a new element, component, part or section of the project that otherwise would not have proceeded. Partner funding must be provided for that new element or component of the project. There is no requirement for matched funds in Round Four. Strong preference will be given to projects that have partnership contributions. Preference will also be given to projects where these partner contributions include cash. In-kind contributions will also be accepted as partner contributions."

Meeting the word count challenge in the EOI

So that applicants in our region are not disadvantaged by the long regional name and organisational name we were given when established, the following acronyms are widely accepted and understood.

RDA = Regional Development Australia

TANWQ = Townsville and North West Queensland

RDATANWQ = Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland Inc.

Likewise, so that you are not disadvantaged by the wording of the Priorities, they can also be abbreviated as follows:

1. Economic priority = Developing a Robust, Sustainable Economy with Employment Opportunities for All
2. Community priority = Encouraging a Caring and Inclusive Community that Embraces all Cultures
3. Lifestyle priority = Enhancing a Great Lifestyle that Attracts and Retains People
4. Leadership priority = Nurturing Strong Leadership to Promote our Region, Develop Partnerships and Achieve Recognition of the Region
5. Environment priority = Valuing, Managing and Caring for our Environment and Natural Assets

For further information about the Guidelines, FAQ and EOI forms, visit www.regional.gov.au and for information about our Regional Roadmap visit www.rdanwq.org.au.

Have a great weekend!

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