



Building Better Regions Fund Infrastructure Projects Stream

Fact Sheet

The program funds infrastructure projects that will create jobs, drive economic growth and build stronger regional communities into the future.

What funding is available?

The **Infrastructure Projects Stream** supports projects which involve the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade or extension of existing infrastructure that provides economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas.

- The minimum grant amount is \$20,000.
- The maximum grant amount is \$10 million.
- You must complete your project by 31 December 2020.
- For most projects, grant funding will be up to 50 per cent or up to 75 per cent of your eligible project costs. Your location will determine the percentage of grant funding you can receive.
- In exceptional and very rare circumstances an exemption to the requirement for co-funding may be granted.
- Co-funding is strongly encouraged for **all projects**, as projects without co-funding may not score as highly against the merit criteria.

How does it work?

Grant funding will be awarded through an open competitive process.

Eligible applicants must apply during a funding round and applications are assessed against merit criteria and other eligible applications in the funding round.

Opening and closing dates for each funding round will be published on business.gov.au/BBRF.

If successful in being awarded funding, the project must commence within 12 weeks of executing the grant agreement.

Who can apply?

To be eligible you must:

- have an ABN
- be a local governing body, or a not for profit organisation
- be seeking a grant of at least \$20,000 and up to a maximum of \$10 million
- have a project located in an eligible area OR you still may apply if your project is located in an excluded area however, you must clearly demonstrate the significant and demonstrable benefits and employment outcomes which flow directly to an eligible area.
- provide evidence confirming all co-funding contributions
- have a project that has not started at the time of application.

The full eligibility criteria are in the [Program Guidelines](#). Please read the guidelines before filling out an application.

Who is not eligible to apply?

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 not for profit trust organisation)
- a Commonwealth, state or territory government agency or body (including government business enterprises) with

the exception of those organisations referred to in section 6.3 of the program guidelines

- a university, technical college, school or hospital
- a Regional Development Australia Committee.

What activities are eligible?

Eligible activities must directly relate to the project and can include:

- purchase of materials, this can include fit out of the infrastructure such as ICT cabling, window dressings, fixed furniture
- external labour hire
- plant and equipment hire
- external consulting costs directly related to the delivery of the construction.

How will my application be assessed?

If your application is eligible we will assess it against the merit criteria. To be competitive you must score highly against all of the following criteria:

- the **economic benefit** your project will deliver to the region during and beyond the construction phase
- the **social benefit** your project will deliver to the region during and beyond the construction phase
- the **value for money** offered by your project
- the **project delivery** – your capacity, capability and resources to carry out the project.

Projects will also be assessed relative to project size, complexity and the grant amount requested.

What will I need to do if successful?

You will need to sign a grant agreement with the Commonwealth within 60 days of receiving the written offer. The terms and conditions of the grant agreement are not negotiable.

The grant agreement requires you to report on your progress and completed activities.

How do I apply?

You should read the [Program Guidelines](#) and the [Am I Ready to Apply](#) documents before you apply.

To apply you must

- complete the online application form
- address all eligibility and merit criteria
- attach all of the mandatory documents
- submit your application by the advertised closing date.

Where can I find more information?

Visit business.gov.au/BBRF or call **13 28 46**.