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Factsheet

Are you ready to apply for BBRF?

This document will help you to decide if you are ready to submit an eligible, competitive and investment-ready application for funding under the current round of BBRF.

A table of key information has been prepared for you – if the information statements do not apply to your organisation or project, you may not be ready to apply for funding under this BBRF round.

Funding under BBRF will be very competitive. Successful projects will be well-developed and will make very strong, evidence-based claims against each of the four merit criteria.

Projects in the concept or early stages of planning are eligible to apply but they are unlikely to be competitive when assessed against investment-ready projects.

The Round Five grant opportunity was announced in Budget Paper 2, *Supporting Regional Australia*. \$200 million is available for this program, with \$100 million of this dedicated to tourism-related infrastructure projects.

If you are not ready to apply under this round, we would encourage you to strengthen your application and undertake further planning on your project and look to apply for funding in a future round.

Two Funding streams

Funding is available under two streams:

- The **Infrastructure Projects Stream** is for investment ready projects involving the construction of new, or the upgrade or extension of existing infrastructure.
- The **Community Investments Stream** is for projects involving community activities including, new or expanded local events, strategic regional plans, or leadership and capability strengthening activities. Infrastructure activities as defined in Appendix B of the program guidelines, are not eligible for the Community Investments Stream.

Where can I get the BBRF Guidelines?

The two streams of funding have separate guidelines, make sure you read the correct guidelines for your project. For BBRF program documentation visit the [BBRF Community Investments Stream](#) page or the [BBRF Infrastructure Projects Stream](#) page.

For further information you can contact us on 13 28 46 or by [web chat](#) or through our [online enquiry form](#) on [business.gov.au](#).

This document does *not* replace the BBRF Program Guidelines.

Key information to determine if you are ready to apply for BBRF Round Five

Key Statements	Guidelines Section
<p>My organisation and project are eligible for funding under this program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ My organisation is an eligible applicant ▪ My project is located in an eligible location OR my project is located in an excluded area, and I can clearly demonstrate the significant and demonstrable benefits and employment outcomes which flow directly to an eligible area. ▪ My project, and the activities I am seeking funding for, are eligible 	<p>4.1 5.2 5</p>
<p>My application is for Tourism-Related Infrastructure project funding and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I can demonstrate the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on my region's tourism industry (or the region that will benefit from my proposed project) ▪ I can demonstrate how my project will provide benefits to the tourism industry to assist in mitigating the impact from the COVID-19 pandemic ▪ I can support my application claims (as outlined above) with evidence 	<p>2.1.2 2.1.2 2.2.1, 7.1</p>
<p>My cash contribution is confirmed and I have strong community partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I can meet the mandatory cash contribution that applies to my application ▪ All my contributions are confirmed in writing (see table 2 in the grant opportunity guidelines) ▪ I can demonstrate how my project improves connections within the community, which could include through cash contributions to the project, or through partnerships and support from local groups who will benefit from the project 	<p>4.2 7.1 6.1, 6.2, 6.4</p>
<p>My project has progressed beyond the concept stage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I have identified and prepared submissions for all required regulatory and/or development approvals or have already submitted and/or obtained those approvals ▪ I have confirmed my funding contributions ▪ I can demonstrate that my project is well planned with finalised project designs and costings ▪ My Infrastructure Project has authority of the land or infrastructure owner to undertake the project ▪ I will be able to enter into a grant agreement with the Government within 60 days of a written offer ▪ My Infrastructure Project will be ready to commence within 12 weeks of executing the grant agreement and be completed by 31 December 2023 OR ▪ I will complete my Community Investment project by 31 December 2023 	<p>2.1.1 6.3 6 2.1.1 10.2 2.1.1 3.2</p>

<p>I can submit all the mandatory documents with my application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I can support my application claims with evidence, and can provide evidence of robust planning to develop my project 	7.1
<p>I have a well-developed project proposal and can submit a competitive application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ My application has strong claims against each of the four assessment criteria (economic benefit, social benefit, project delivery, and impact of grant funding) ▪ I can quantify and support all my claims with evidence ▪ I have engaged with my local Regional Development Australia (RDA) Committee (rda.gov.au) to present a strong application 	6 6 7

If these statements do not apply to your organisation and project, you **may not be ready** to apply for funding under this BBRF round.