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<b>To:</b>	SLSNSW Branches and Clubs
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<b>Subject:</b>	Grant Opportunity – Australian Government Building Better Regions Fund (opening 12/01/21, closing 05/03/21)

The **Australian Government Building Better Regions Fund** will be opening on the 12 January 2021 and will provide funding for infrastructure projects and community investment projects in regional and remote locations. As in previous years, this round will have two streams:

- **Infrastructure Projects Stream**
  - Open to Councils and not-for-profit organisations
  - Grants of \$20,000 to \$10 million to cover up to 50% of project (applicant must contribute 50% of project cost) for projects that provide economic and social benefits
  - \$100 million dedicated ONLY to tourism-related infrastructure projects; \$100 million for general infrastructure
- **Community Investments Stream**
  - Grants of between \$5,000 to \$1 million to cover up to 50% of project costs (applicant must contribute 50% of project cost unless total project cost is under \$20,000)
  - Funding for NEW local events, strategic regional plans, or leadership and capability strengthening activities that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas (e.g. regional festivals, regional tourism strategic plans, rural mental health workshops)

**Whilst this funding program may initially appear an ideal opportunity for a capital works project, it is quite specific in terms of what you can apply for and the list of attachments is extensive. Prior to applying, please read the following which will assist you in determining if you have a project that could be suitable:**

- The project must be investment ready – this means all approvals such as Development Approval, Building Approval, Landowner Consent and Building Owner Consent are either already in place or ready to be lodged.
- Your Club must be in an eligible regional or remote location (see guidelines section 5.2 - links below)
- You must have the required co-contribution which for many applicants is 50% (see guidelines section 3.1 – links below)
- The list of evidentiary material is lengthy for each stream, please read the grant guidelines (see section 7.1 – links below). These include but are not limited to evidence of discussions with and support from the local Regional Development Australia authority, robust cost benefit analysis, robust evidence of economic and employment benefits of the project to the community (both during and on completion of the project), evidence of contributions from applicant and other sources, letters evidencing strong community support, evidence of all owner and other approvals required, quotes, etc.
- Review the Fact Sheet for each stream which provides a summary of everything you need to apply.

The full guidelines are available here:

- Infrastructure stream - [Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure Projects Stream – Round Five | business.gov.au](https://www.business.gov.au/building-better-regions-fund-infrastructure-projects-stream-round-five)
- Community Investment stream – <https://www.business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/building-better-regions-fund-community-investments-stream#key-documents>

If you feel you have a suitable project, we strongly encourage you to contact your local RDA representative or AusIndustry Business Grants Hub on 13 28 46.

To provide more assistance to our Clubs and volunteers, SLSNSW provide a range of grant services for clubs (at no fee) through SLISA's Grant Seeking Unit (GSU). If you would like the GSU to assist with the writing and submission of an application, or you have any queries in relation to this funding opportunity, please contact one of the following:

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Kind regards

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