



## Factsheet

# Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) – Tourism-Related Infrastructure Funding

*BBRF Round Five has \$100 million dedicated to fund tourism-related infrastructure projects.*

### What is Tourism-Related Infrastructure?

A tourism-related infrastructure project is one which is designed to assist in mitigating the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on a region's tourism industry.

### Are there any regions predetermined to be eligible for the tourism-related infrastructure funding?

There are no specific regions singled out to receive the tourism-related infrastructure funding. All eligible regions under BBRF (as defined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines) are eligible to receive the tourism-related infrastructure funding.

### How do I apply for tourism-related infrastructure funding?

Applications for the tourism-related infrastructure funding are submitted through an online application form at [www.business.gov.au/bbrf](http://www.business.gov.au/bbrf). This is the same as previous BBRF Round applications, and consistent with the general funding process.

When applying via the online application form, you will be asked to indicate your intention to seek funding for your project from the tourism-related infrastructure projects funding pool.

You will be also asked to demonstrate:

- the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on your region's tourism industry (or the region that will benefit from your proposed project).
- how your project will provide benefits to the tourism industry to assist in mitigating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

You are required to provide evidence to support your claims. The amount of detail and supporting evidence you provide in your application should be relative to the project size, complexity and grant amount requested.

Austrade may be consulted as part of the assessment process for tourism-related infrastructure project funding.

If you do not clearly articulate how your project will provide benefits to the tourism industry in the region to assist in mitigating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and support those claims with tangible evidence, your application will not be considered for the \$100 million tourism-related infrastructure project funding, and it will be considered for the \$100 million of funding for general infrastructure project applications instead.

### Do I have to meet any other requirements?

You **must** meet all other mandatory requirements as set out in the [BBRF Round Five Grant Opportunity Guidelines](#).

## Do I have to be a Tourism operator to apply for the Tourism-Related Infrastructure funding?

You **do not** have to be a tourism organisation to apply for the tourism-related infrastructure funding. However, you **must** meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the BBRF Round Five Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

## Who can help to provide advice on a proposed project?

We encourage you to seek the support of your Regional Development Australia (RDA) Committee for your project.

Your RDA Committee can:

- assist you in identifying and developing a strong project proposal which is a priority within your region, designed to contribute to long term economic growth.
- work with you to prepare a competitive application, including supporting documents and evidence.

If you are applying for tourism-related infrastructure project funding, you may wish to discuss your proposed project with independent regional, state/territory tourism organisations to assist in identifying key elements of your project which can support

broader tourism stimulus and investment initiatives. This evidence may be provided as supporting documentation in your application.

You can find information about your RDA Committee here: [www.rda.gov.au/my-rda](http://www.rda.gov.au/my-rda)

## What is the maximum Grant value for the Tourism-Related Infrastructure funding?

The tourism-related infrastructure project funding is the same as the BBRF Infrastructure Project Stream grant amounts. The minimum grant amount is \$20,000 and the maximum grant amount is \$10 million.

## When will successful applications be announced?

The outcome of the grant selection process is expected to be announced mid-2021.

## What if I'm unsure about the application process?

Please contact the Business Grants Hub on 13 28 46 or email through [Contact Us | business.gov.au](mailto:business.gov.au)

## Need more information?

For more information, visit [www.business.gov.au](http://www.business.gov.au) or call 13 28 46.