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NEW FUNDING ROUND ANNOUNCED FOR REGIONS

Regional Development Australia – Northern Rivers has welcomed the announcement of \$150 million to help build and renew community infrastructure across Australia as part of the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF).

The Minister for Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, announced that this funding will be delivered through Round Five of RDAF and will be allocated to councils and shires that already receive Financial Assistance Grants.

The Government will provide a base payment of at least \$30,000 to smaller councils to ensure that they benefit from this funding.

This funding can only be used to build and renew community infrastructure, with a focus on ‘shovel-ready’ projects in communities.

Sporting facilities, libraries, town halls, playgrounds and essential community services such as child care facilities, are expected to benefit from this investment.

Katrina Luckie, CEO of RDA–Northern Rivers said this funding built on previous funding already received by many communities through RDAF. “Our RDA committee participated in the assessment of projects for earlier rounds of RDAF. We are pleased that there is another opportunity for some of the viable and important projects to be funded. This funding will also support jobs on the ground and boost our local economy.”

According to the RDAF website <http://www.regional.gov.au/regional/programs/rdaf-round-five-funding-allocations.aspx> funding for Northern Rivers councils will be allocated, subject to successful application, as follows:

LGA	Funding
Ballina Shire	\$232,667
Byron Shire	\$149,681
Clarence Valley	\$668,200
Kyogle	\$229,587
Lismore City Council	\$436,455
Richmond Valley	\$316,430
Tweed Shire	\$613,184

More information on RDAF Round Five can be found at www.regional.gov.au/regional/programs/rdaf_round_five.aspx

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