

Regional Communities Development Fund Nominations

Issue:	Nominations received for the Regional Communities Development Fund
Analysis:	Nominations to the Regional Communities Development Fund closed on Friday 31 August. A total of 37 projects requesting \$235.8 million were nominated by regional MPs and the Deputy Premier. 35 projects have been assessed as eligible and will be invited to submit a full application. One project was nominated by three different MPs.
Deadline:	All nominating MPs will be advised of the outcomes and applicants will be invited to apply on 10 September 2018.

Key reasons

A total of 37 nominations were submitted to RCDF

- Nominations for the RCDF closed on Friday 31 August 2018.
- A total of 37 nominations were received requesting [REDACTED].
- All projects have been checked by DPC program staff against the program eligibility criteria.
- 35 projects requesting a total of [REDACTED] will be invited to submit a detailed application / business case. Some of these projects will be asked to provide specific information in their detailed application to support their eligibility.
- [REDACTED]
- An exemption from the 25 per cent co-contribution for hardship or disadvantage has been granted for seven projects.
- A list of all eligible and ineligible projects is provided at **Attachment A**.

Next steps

- On Monday 10 September 2018:
 - Morning: All MPs who submitted a nomination will be notified whether their project has been invited to submit a detailed application (**Attachment B**).
 - Afternoon: All applicants with an eligible project will be invited to complete a detailed application form or business case (**Attachment C**).
 - 18 applicants seeking funding of less than \$5 million will be required to complete a detailed Application Form. 17 applicants seeking over \$5 million will be required to complete a full business case and data sheet.

Financial or other impact

- Funding of \$80 million for the RCDF has been allocated from the Consolidated Fund and was included the 2018-19 Budget.

Supporting information

List of attachments

- Attachment A – List of eligible and ineligible projects nominated by regional MPs
- Attachment B – Notification email to MPs
- Attachment C – Notification email to applicants

Recommendations and actions

- **Note** the eligible and ineligible projects submitted to the RCDF (**Attachment A**).
- **Note** the notification emails for MPs and applicants (**Attachment B and C**).

DPC final approver:	Never Submitted
	Gary Barnes, Deputy Secretary – Regional NSW and RLU, [REDACTED] 1463

Deputy Premier's comments	Date	Approved/Not Approved/Noted

Responsible Action Officer:	Leanne Perry , Program Manager, Regional NSW
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MP	Electorate	Organisation	Project	LGA	Funding Requested	Total project cost	Eligible	Hardship Exemption granted
[Redacted content]								

John Barilaro	Wagga Wagga	Riverina Conservatorium of Music	Wagga Wagga Recital Hall - Riverina Conservatorium of Music	Wagga Wagga	\$20,000,000	\$20,400,000	Yes	Yes-an exemption has been granted based on the impact of significant industry decline and business closure and no financial capacity to Contribute to the project. The RCM south campus has been sold and the RCM requires alternative accommodation. The RCM serves a disparate rural community without ability to illicit large corporate sponsorship.