Infrastructures grants up for grabs

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Territorians are being encouraged to apply for infrastructure grants aimed at economic growth, generating employment and helping build a prosperous Northern Territory.

Minister for Transport Peter Chandler officially opened round two of the Regional Economic Infrastructure Fund (REIF) and Strategic Local Roads Infrastructure Program (ISLRIP) grant funds today.

“If you’ve got an infrastructure idea that may have positive implications on your local, regional or remote areas, I encourage you to apply for a grant,” Mr Chandler said.

“We want to see investment in small to large sized infrastructure projects as well as feasibility studies, which will stimulate economic development, create employment and benefit communities.

“These grants will help build on the record $1.4 billion investment in infrastructure, create real jobs and opportunities for local contractors and small businesses as well as aid in the development of Northern Australia.”

West Arnhem Regional Council were awarded two grants through Round 1, for a Topographic Survey and Assessment of Stormwater drainage system in Gunbalanya and upgrades to Murganella Road.

Mayor Lothar Siebert said the financial support gained through applying for the grants enabled the council to complete endeavours that impact the local communities.

“We will now be in a position to determine the types of drainage required to resolve current flooding problems so that safe, suitable roads can be constructed in the future,” Mr Siebert said.

“The upgrade to Murganella Road will enhance the living standards of our constituents in this region, improve economic prospects of enterprises operating in the region and provide employment outcomes for indigenous residents.”

Application forms and submission guidelines are available at www.transport.nt.gov.au/ntroads/grants and will be accepted until 9 October 2015.

The Northern Territory Government approved round 2 of the ISLRIP to fund a total of $4 million in 2015-16 and the REIF was established to fund $30 million worth of grants over three years 2014/2015 to 2016/2017, with $10 million available in 2015-16.
A total of $1.3 million has already been granted to East Arnhem Regional Council to assist cyclone affected communities.

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