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Building Better Regions Fund Grant Applications

In March, NIRC submitted four (4) Building Better Regions Fund Grant applications during the March 2021 Infrastructure Projects Stream – round 5. These applications were for:

- water security – installation of seven (7) rainwater tanks adjacent to existing buildings across the island
- Water Assurance Scheme (WAS) – extend the WAS service to rural/residential properties that are currently not connected and are considered to be having a detrimental impact on downstream water quality in Kingston.
- Waste management/circular economy – an upgrade and extension of existing waste management infrastructure facilities in order to end the practice of waste entering the marine park
- Tourism – construction of a new elevated walkway at the New Gaol, interpretive signage and an associated program of 3D holography and Augmented Reality to create a world-class and modern visitor experience

The \$1.04 billion Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) supports the Australian Government's commitment to drive economic growth and build stronger regional communities into the future. For Round Five, there is a total of \$200 million available, with \$100 million dedicated to tourism-related infrastructure projects.

The total sum of the four requested grants was over \$4.2M. It is expected that grants will be announced before the end of June 2021.

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