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## How does the Department assist regional communities?



The NSW Government partners local councils and local business organisations to help regional communities meet the challenges presented by economic forces and population shifts.

DSRD's community economic development (CED) programs are designed to strengthen the capacity of regional communities to deal with economic change.

For information on the Department's CED programs (for communities with [Population Over 2000](#) and [Population Under 2000](#)) see the *Your community - your future* flyer at the bottom of this page.

If you are interested in lodging an application, please discuss your project with your CED Regional Contact.

### [Building the Country Package](#)

The \$85 million Building the Country Package will help retain jobs outside of Sydney, supporting people who live and work in country areas. This new package complements existing programs designed to support regional communities.

See [Building the Country Package](#) for more information.

### For more information

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### Related publications

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