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Attention: News Editor

Grant deadlines approach

Time is running out for regional organisations to apply for two Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) grant rounds.

The Community Chest Fund (CCF) and Regional Grants Scheme (RGS), made possible through the State Government's Royalties for Regions program, are both open for applications by local governments, volunteer groups, community organisations, educational institutions and philanthropic foundations.

CCF applications close on Tuesday 1 March and RGS applications close on Thursday 17 March.

The CCF is for grants up to \$50,000 and the RGS is for grants from \$50,001 to \$300,000. The RGS grants are for projects starting after 1 July 2016.

GSDC Chairman Peter Rundle said the two schemes had supported a wide range of positive initiatives in the Great Southern.

"This is the fifth round of the RGS which, over the years, has supported more than 100 projects across the Great Southern with about \$12 million in funding," Mr Rundle said.

"The RGS has helped communities in the region to improve sporting facilities, stage significant events, construct the UWA Science Building and extend the Munda Biddi Trail.

"It has provided accommodation for seniors, improved services for people with disabilities and enhanced the Great Southern's tourism facilities.

"The CCF is only in its second round, but its first round supported 26 smaller projects across the region," Mr Rundle said.

Guidelines and application forms for both programs are available at www.gsdc.wa.gov.au, or contact the GSDC by email to gsdc@gsdc.wa.gov.au or by phone on 9842 4888.



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Funding pools were boosted by 50 per cent this year for the schemes, which total \$20 million state-wide, resulting in a \$1.67 million allocation to the Great Southern RGS and \$556,000 for the Great Southern CCF.

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