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Grants opportunities open

Two new funding opportunities totalling almost \$1.5 million are available for grants made possible through the State Government's Royalties for Regions program.

A total of \$1.1 million has been allocated to the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) for a fourth round of the contestable Great Southern Regional Grants Scheme (RGS) and associated administration in 2015.

This funding is for community, public and not-for-profit organisations seeking grants from \$20,001 to \$300,000.

Smaller grants, up to \$20,000, will be available through a new contestable Community Chest Fund (CCF) that will provide a further \$370,000 of Royalties for Regions funds in 2015.

GSDC Chairman Peter Rundle said the Commission welcomed the opportunity to support community organisations to advance worthwhile projects in the Great Southern.

"The RGS and now the CCF will help to develop infrastructure, services and community projects that will enhance Great Southern communities," Mr Rundle said.

"More than \$10 million has supported 95 projects through the RGS in our region so far, including the extension of the Munda Biddi Trail, the UWA Science Building and significant community facilities in towns across the Great Southern.

"I invite organisations with suitable projects to go to the GSDC website at www.gsdc.wa.gov.au and download the guidelines and application forms to start exploring the opportunities to attract a grant," Mr Rundle said.

Applications for RGS funds must be submitted by 4pm on Thursday 11 December.

Applications for CCF grants will be considered by the GSDC Board, which will in turn make recommendations to the Minister for Regional Development. Cut-off dates for the receipt of applications for Board consideration are:

- 4pm on Thursday 20 November 2014
- 4pm on Friday 30 January 2015 (this date subject to the continued availability of funds)



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After the GSDC Board and the Minister for Regional Development consider the first applications, information about the balance of CCF monies remaining, if any, will be published on the GSDC website at www.gsdc.wa.gov.au.

Applicants must show that their project aligns with one or more of the Royalties for Regions program objectives and the GSDC's Strategic Directions.

In both programs, preference will be given to projects that can demonstrate that a grant from the RGS or CCF will leverage funds from other sources.

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