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Strong interest in grants offer

Royalties for Regions funding on offer in the latest round of the Great Southern Regional Grants Scheme (RGS) drew 71 applications requesting grants totalling \$6.2 million.

Applications to the RGS, administered by the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC), represent projects worth \$21.4 million, including potential leveraged cash funding of \$13.2 million from other sources.

Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls said \$9 million of Royalties for Regions funding supported the State-wide RGS program to improve economic and community infrastructure and services in regional Western Australia.

“The grants scheme is providing money for projects to help attract investment, increase jobs and improve the quality of life in regional WA,” Mr Grylls said.

GSDC Chief Executive Officer Bruce Manning said the available funding pool in the Great Southern for this round of the RGS was \$1 million.

“Assessment of the applications involves several layers of review, including input from an independent assessor,” Mr Manning said.

“The assessment process will deliver a number of recommendations to the GSDC Board, which will then refer its decisions to Mr Grylls and State Cabinet.

“An announcement of the successful applications is expected in June.

“The grant round is sure to result in projects that will help to deliver advances for the economy and the community in the Great Southern,” Mr Manning said.

The current applications form the third round of the RGS; the first two rounds provided \$10 million funding for 79 projects across the region.





Among the projects already drawing RGS funding are the extension of the Munda Biddi Trail, construction of the UWA Sciences Building, youth facilities in Mount Barker and Kendenup, and an early childhood learning program serving many towns in the region.

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