



REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

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Progress Association round 4 REDs recipient*



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants Program?

The Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants program invests in locally driven projects that contribute to economic growth and development in regional Western Australia.

2. What can RED Grants funding be used for?

The RED Grants program provides funding to support locally driven projects that contribute to economic growth in regional communities.

RED Grants are generally suited to projects that are well developed, can demonstrate demand and viability, and are expected to deliver sustainable economic benefits for the Great Southern region. Applicants should be able to show that the project is sufficiently scoped, costed and ready to proceed, and that any RED Grant funding will support delivery of a defined project rather than general establishment or ongoing operating costs.

3. When will RED Round 9 open and close?

RED Round 9 is not open yet. The opening and closing dates for this round will be announced by the Minister for Regional Development.

4. How can I apply?

Once Round 9 is announced, the program guidelines, application details and application form will be made available on GSDC's website.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to visit the RED Grants webpage on the GSDC website at <https://gsdc.wa.gov.au/our-support/regional-economic-development-grant>. The webpage provides information about the RED Grants program, previous funding rounds, application support material, grant writing tips and video examples of previous Great Southern RED Grant recipients.

Applicants must ensure any application is submitted via the SmartyGrants online portal by the closing date and time specified for that round. Applications cannot be accepted after the online application system has closed.

To be notified when RED Round 9 opens, discuss a potential application or project-specific query, or seek feedback on a previous RED Grants application, please contact the Great Southern Development Commission on **(08) 9842 4888** or by email at gdo@gsdc.wa.gov.au.

5. How much funding can I apply for?

Consistent with previous RED Grants rounds, when RED Round 9 opens, eligible applicants will be able to apply for funding of up to \$250,000 for individual projects.

6. What if am not registered for GST?

Applicants can still apply for grants if they are not registered for GST concessions. Unregistered grant applications must provide the Great Southern Development Commission with a budget for the amount of the grant inclusive of all project costs including GST.

Funding provided to recipients under the Grant is regarded as payment for a supply. GST registered grant recipients will therefore be liable for GST in connection with the grant.

Applicants are encouraged to seek independent tax and financial advice on the potential implications of obtaining funding, including the impact on assessable income.

7. Does my organisation have to be regionally based to apply?

The RED Grants are targeted at providing financial assistance to regionally based organisations.

Organisations outside the region may apply, but will need to demonstrate significant, sustainable regional benefits and a commitment to local decision-making, planning and delivery.

8. How are applications assessed and how soon after applying will I know if I am successful or not?

The Commission undertakes a rigorous assessment process for all applications. In assessing applications, consideration is given to whether the project is sufficiently developed, financially viable and capable of delivering measurable economic benefits for the Great Southern region. Assessors are required to declare any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest in relation to applications under assessment.

Applicants should allow up to six months for the RED Grants approval process and factor this into project planning and commencement timeframes. Activities for which RED Grant funding is sought should not commence before the assessment and approval process is finalised, as RED Grants are not available for retrospective expenditure. Projects should be well planned and capable of progressing once funding is approved and a grant agreement is executed.

Assessment criteria and assessment processes for RED Round 9 will be confirmed in the program information released following announcement of the round.

9. How many applications are funded per round, and can I apply in more than one region?

There is no limit on the number of applications that may be funded per round; however, funding is limited in each region, and applications are assessed through a competitive process.

Where funding is sought for projects across multiple regions, applicants must submit separate applications to each relevant Regional Development Commission (RDC), as each application will be assessed independently. Applicants should seek advice from each relevant RDC before applying. Each region has its own regional priorities, assessment processes and funding availability, and the GSDC can facilitate an inter-agency discussion with other RDCs for cross-regional projects if required.