REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (RED) GRANTS

Frequently Asked Questions

General

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

The Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants Program Grants invests in community 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 will contribute to economic growth in regional communities. The guidelines outline what funds can be applied to. Further clarification can be sought from the Regional Development Commission contact.

Applications

3. How can I apply?

Grant applications can be submitted via:
https://agric.smartygrants.com.au/WheatbeltREDGrantsRound2.

If you have difficulty lodging the application, please contact Kristen Twine on 0417 147 424 or Pip Kirby on 0428 411 445 for assistance.

Download the guidelines from the Wheatbelt Development Commission website www.wheatbelt.wa.gov.au.

Applicants must contact the Wheatbelt Development Commission to discuss project eligibility and get advice prior to applying, please phone 9622 7222 or email royaltiesforregions@wheatbelt.wa.gov.au

4. What is the closing date?

Applications for the RED grants open 11 July 2019 and close on Friday 13 September 2019.

5. How much funding can I apply for?

Projects can request funding of up to $250,000 under the RED Grants program.

6. What if I am not registered for GST?

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

If you are not registered for GST concessions and need further clarification please contact the Wheatbelt Development Commission prior to submitting your application.

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 and planning.

8. Can my organisation apply for full project funding?

Preference will be given to projects that can demonstrate that the project has leveraged funding from other sources.

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

We undertake a rigorous assessment process of all applications. Applicants should allow four to six months for the RED Grants approval process which should be considered by applicants during project planning.

The assessment criteria and decision making process used to assess applications are provided in the RED Grants guidelines. Assessors are required to declare any potential conflicts of interest.

10. How many applications will be awarded with a RED Grant per region?

There is no cap on the number of successful applications. However, there are limited funds available in each region.

11. Can I submit an application for funding in more than one region?

Where funding is sought for projects across multiple regions, applicants will be required to submit separate applications to each Regional Development Commission (RDC) as they will be assessed independently.

Applicants will need to seek advice on their project proposal with each relevant RDC where funding will be sought.

12. If I am unsuccessful this round, can I still apply when the next round opens?

Upon notification of being unsuccessful, applicants can contact the Wheatbelt Development Commission to discuss the outcome of the assessment and how the application/project might be amended for consideration in any future rounds.

13. When is the next round?

Future rounds for the RED Grants have not yet been announced.