

Regional Grants Scheme

The Regional Grants Scheme is a new funding program under the Regional Infrastructure and Headworks Fund. It provides new opportunities for local communities to improve and develop infrastructure and services in regional Western Australia. The scheme is especially aimed at projects that will help attract investment and increase job opportunities, or help to improve the quality of life in the regions.

Funding will be provided to assist infrastructure, services and community projects, including the provision of headworks, and to help in the development of regional communities so they prosper as vibrant and interesting places in which to live.

The State's nine Regional Development Commissions will administer the scheme locally based on the following broad objectives:

1. Increase capacity for local strategic planning and decision-making.
2. Retain and build the benefits of regional communities.
3. Promote relevant and accessible local services.
4. Assist communities to plan for a sustainable economic and social future.
5. Enable communities to expand social and economic opportunities.
6. Assist regional communities to prosper through increased employment opportunities, business and industry development opportunities, and improved local services.

Contact your Regional Development Commission for more information about the Regional Grants Scheme.

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Message from the Minister for Regional Development

I am proud to announce the launch of the Regional Grants Scheme, another major program in the State Government's Royalties for Regions' initiatives.

Royalties for Regions is an historic agreement to return the equivalent of 25 per cent of our annual mining and petroleum royalties as an investment in regional communities across Western Australia.

This is an investment by the State Government over and above current and budgeted expenditure to help regional communities shape their own future and plan for longer term sustainable development.

The Regional Grants Scheme highlights one of the central themes of Royalties for Regions. It is putting money back into communities for projects and services that are determined and driven by the regional communities themselves.

It is another Royalties for Regions initiative that is bringing real hope and a genuine sense of excitement to people living, working and investing in regional WA.

Hon Brendon Grylls MLA

Minister for Regional Development

Royalties for Regions

Royalties for Regions will distribute benefits to regional communities through three supporting funds:

- the Country Local Government Fund
- the Regional Community Services Fund, and
- the Regional Infrastructure and Headworks Fund.

The three funds will support strong and vibrant regional communities by:

- improving infrastructure and headworks
- establishing across-government strategic regional and community services projects
- providing a range of contestable grant funding opportunities, and
- building capacity in local communities.

The Country Local Government Fund

Support to local government

The Country Local Government Fund will support local governments in the nine regions defined in the *Regional Development Commissions Act 1993*.

Funding will be provided direct to local government to provide and renew infrastructure. Local governments receiving funding will be required to meet reporting requirements.

The fund will be managed in conjunction with other funding programs and local government will be encouraged to consider the potential for leveraging funds from other sources.

The fund will:

- address infrastructure requirements
- improve asset management and capacity building and

- encourage standardised asset management practices and improved regional governance in local government.

Regional Community Services Fund

The fund will support a range of initiatives such as increased support for:

- the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme
- the Boarding Away from Home Allowance
- the Royal Flying Doctor Service and
- the Community Resource Centre Program.

It will also support new initiatives, such as the Bushchange Housing Grant and the Country Age Pension Fuel Card.

Regional Infrastructure and Headworks Fund

The fund will support a range of initiatives such as:

- the Regional Grants Scheme
- Ord Stage Two Project
- redevelopment of Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital
- the Exploration Incentive Scheme
- Northern Towns Development Fund
- Pilbara and Gascoyne infrastructure and development initiatives
- housing for essential workers
- upgrades to regional airports and
- the Bunbury to Albany Gas Pipeline.

Regional Development Commissions will play an important role in setting future regional direction, establishing regional priorities and administering the new Regional Grants Scheme.