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Funding applications invited

Community, public and not-for-profit organisations have new opportunities to secure funding support for projects that build the Great Southern.

On Wednesday 27 July, Regional Development Minister Terry Redman announced new rounds of the Great Southern Regional Grants Scheme (RGS) and Community Chest Fund (CCF), made possible by the State Government's Royalties for Regions program.

More than \$2 million dollars is available for the two funding rounds, administered by the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC).

GSDC Deputy Chair Ross Thornton said the new rounds of the RGS and CCF would support further projects building opportunity and lifestyle in the region.

"The RGS has already supported a wide range of substantial initiatives, and the CCF has helped to deliver many smaller projects," Mr Thornton said.

"Both of the funding rounds operate right across the Great Southern.

"The GSDC invites applications from organisations with projects that will contribute to achieving the objectives of the funding programs, and we urge applicants to consider the strategic directions of the *Great Southern Regional Investment Blueprint*."

Applications for CCF 2017, which is for grants up to \$50,000, close at 4pm on Monday 19 September 2016.

Applications for RGS 2017, which is for grants from \$50,001 to \$300,000, close at 4pm on Tuesday 27 September 2016.

Funding through both grant programs will be available from 1 July 2017.

Guidelines and application forms for both funding rounds are available on the GSDC website at www.gsdc.wa.gov.au.

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