

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Grant opportunity beckons**

A new round of grant funding through the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) offers support for community-led projects that will create long-term economic growth and jobs in the region.

GSDC Chair Ross Thornton said the Regional Economic Development (RED) grants program is a State Government initiative that is investing \$28.8 million over five years in regional Western Australia.

Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan announced the opening of the second round of RED grants on Thursday 11 July.

Mr Thornton said the GSDC was now seeking applications for the round, which closes on Friday 13 September.

"We want to hear from businesses and regional organisations with projects that promote sustainable jobs, partnerships, productivity, skills and capability," Mr Thornton said.

"It's about creating real economic impact and job opportunities for this region.

"The first round of funding in 2018 brought State Government investment of more than \$700,000 for projects in the Great Southern."

Eligible organisations can apply for up to \$250,000 in RED grant funding. Program details including eligibility guidelines and applications are available through a link on the home page of the GSDC website at www.gsdc.wa.gov.au.

RED grants are supported by the State Government's Royalties for Regions program.

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