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### **RED grants opportunity for Great Southern firms**

The Great Southern Development Commission has welcomed the State Government's announcement of round three of the Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants Program and is encouraging local businesses to get involved and apply for grant funding.

The Regional Economic Development Grants (RED Grants) program is a State Government initiative, investing \$28.8 million over five years in projects driven by regional organisations that will create real economic impact and employment opportunities in regional Western Australia.

Delivered locally by the State's nine Regional Development Commissions, up to \$200,000 is available for individual projects that contribute to sustainable jobs, expand or diversify industry, develop skills and capability, attract new investment or maximise recovery from COVID-19 impacts to the region.

Rounds one and two of RED Grants funding for the Great Southern totalled \$1,521,581 and supported 17 projects including visitor facilities at the Old Farm Strawberry Hill, native plant seed production by Noongar enterprises, worker and visitor accommodation at Frankland River and technology supporting new job opportunities for young people at an Albany engineering firm.

Round three funding is now open and closes on 12 midnight on 7 July 2020.

Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) Chief Executive Officer Bruce Manning said he encouraged the local community to take advantage of this positive investment commitment to grow the region.

"The GSDC will look for opportunities to capitalise on growth and expansion potential with the funding support available through the RED grants program," Mr Manning said.

Member for Albany Peter Watson said the third round of RED grants was a welcome development.



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“This is a timely call for businesses and organisations in the region to put forward proposals that can contribute to sustainable jobs, new investment and other benefits for the Great Southern,” Mr Watson said.

The RED Grants Program guidelines and applications for round three are available on the commission website at [www.gsdc.wa.gov.au](http://www.gsdc.wa.gov.au) through a link on the home page.

The RED Grants program is supported by the State Government’s Royalties for Regions program.

For more information, email the GSDC at [admin@gsdc.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@gsdc.wa.gov.au) or phone 9842 4888.

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