



## PEEL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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### MEDIA STATEMENT

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#### **\$2M available - Royalties for Regions Calling for Applications**

The Hon Terry Redman, Minister for Regional Development has announced that the Regional Grant Scheme (RGS) and the Community Chest Fund (CCF) will open for funding applications on 11 January 2016.

Communities will benefit from a 50% increase to the funding pools this year with just over \$2M expected to be allocated for economic and social infrastructure projects across the Peel.

Peel Development Commission Chairman Mr Paul Fitzpatrick has welcomed the announcement, made possible by the State Government's Royalties for Regions (RfR) program and highlighted the impact these grants have on regional communities in funding their priority projects.

"These schemes directly help a wide range of community and interest groups. Local governments seeking support to create strong and vibrant communities are eligible to apply for funding. Funding can also support a variety of projects as diverse as sporting club enhancement through to new public tourism infrastructure" Mr Fitzpatrick said.

The maximum grant size for the Community Chest Fund has increased to \$50,000 while the limit for Regional Grant Scheme projects remains at \$300,000. The Regional Grant Scheme round will close on Thursday 17 March 2016 and Community Chest Fund round will close on 3 March 2016 for projects starting after 1 July 2016.

In 2014/15, the Peel region benefitted with a total of 35 projects funded. The average RGS grant awarded was just under \$100,000 and \$15,000 for the CCF. In 2014/15 projects ranged from health, nutrition, education, training, community events and forums, small business development through to art, culture and tourism projects. These funded projects can be viewed on the Commission's website at [www.peel.wa.gov.au](http://www.peel.wa.gov.au).

Staff from the Peel Development Commission will conduct regional forums in Mandurah, Pinjarra, Dwellingup, Boddington, Waroona and Mundijong to engage with potential applicants for advice, guidance and tips on preparing a grant application during January. Details of these regional forums will be advertised in the local press.

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