

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

General

What is the Regional Grants Scheme?

The Regional Grants Scheme is a [Royalties for Regions](#) initiative that aims to improve economic and community infrastructure and services in regional Western Australia. It is aimed at bigger projects that will help attract investment, increase job opportunities and assist in improving the quality of life in the regions. The RGS is a contestable funding scheme with grants from \$50,001 to \$300,000 available.

What is the Community Chest Fund?

The Community Chest Fund is a small grants program, aimed at providing funds for smaller community projects. The Community Chest Fund comprises one-off grants of up to and including \$50,000 to support small, local demand driven projects.

What can the Regional Grants Scheme and Community Chest Fund be used for?

Both funds can be used to assist with the development of infrastructure, services and community projects that will enhance the provision of social and economic benefits to regional communities. The guidelines for each scheme outline what is and is not eligible to apply for.

***HAVE YOU READ THE GUIDELINES?
HAVE YOU CONTACTED THE COMMISSION?***

Applications

Closing date

Applications for the Regional Grants Scheme opened Monday 11 January 2016 and they must be received by 4:00pm on Thursday 17 March 2016.

Applications for the Community Chest Fund opened Monday 11 January 2016 and they must be received by 4:00pm on 3 March 2016.

Completed forms can be emailed to grants@peel.wa.gov.au or mailed to PO Box 543 Mandurah WA 6210.

How can I apply?

Download the application form and guideline information for the relevant funding opportunity.

Regional Grants Scheme

- Application form ([PDF](#)) or [Word](#)
- [Guidelines](#)

Community Chest Fund

- Application form ([PDF](#)) or [\(Word\)](#)
- [Guidelines](#)

Must I be part of a community group or organisation?

The Regional Grants Scheme and Community Chest Fund are targeted at providing financial assistance to organisations based in the regions.

Eligible applicants may include local governments, voluntary organisations, educational institutions (e.g. universities and Parents and Citizens Associations), philanthropic foundations and community organisations.

- All voluntary and community groups applying for funding must have an Australian Business Number (ABN), be an incorporated body or have equivalent status (e.g. represented by an incorporated auspicing body). Organisations that do not have an ABN may be able to be auspiced by an organisation with an ABN and with similar aims and objectives.
- Organisations outside the region may apply, but will need to demonstrate significant, sustainable regional benefits and a commitment to local decision-making and planning.
- Preference will be given to projects that can demonstrate that a grant from the Regional Grants Scheme or Community Chest Fund will leverage funds from other sources.
- State and Commonwealth Government agencies, individuals or private sector businesses are not eligible.

How can I assess if my project is eligible before I put in the application?

[Contact us](#) for more information on project eligibility and assistance with completing the application form. Forums will also be held throughout the Region. Please [visit](#) our website for venue, dates and times.

Can my project be eligible for both the Regional Grants Scheme and the Community Chest Fund?

No. Projects requesting funding under \$50,000 should apply for the Community Chest Fund. Projects requesting funding between \$50,001 and \$300,000 should apply for the Regional Grants Scheme.

How are applications assessed?

The assessment criteria and decision making process that we will use to assess the application are outlined in the Regional Grants Scheme and Community Chest Fund guidelines.

How much information do I included in my application?

In some sections there are word limits, but general you need to provide sufficient information for the Commission to assess your application against the Guidelines. Duplication of explanations or statements should be avoided.

How many applications can be successful?

There is no cap on the number of successful applications, however there is a financial limited of available funds (refer guidelines). As this is a competitive funding round, applications will be assessed against the guidelines on how well they align with the objectives of the program.

How soon after applying will I know if I am successful or not?

We undertake a rigorous assessment process of all applications. The Regional Grants Scheme and Community Chest Fund have different decision making processes, as outlined in the respective guidelines.

Applicants should allow four to six months for the Regional Grants Scheme approval process. This will be shorter for the Community Chest Fund.

If I am unsuccessful this round, can I still apply when the next round opens?

Upon notification of being unsuccessful, applicants can contact us to discuss the outcome of the assessment and how the application / project might be amended or enhanced for consideration in any future rounds.

Funding rounds

When is the next round?

There will be a future round for the Regional Grants Scheme and the Community Chest Fund. Dates for the next round have not yet been announced.

Previous rounds

For information on projects funded in 2014-15:

[2014 - 15 funding](#)

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