

## REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (RED) GRANTS

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

#### 1. What is the Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants Program?

The Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants Program is a State Government initiative that invests in locally driven projects that contribute to economic growth and development in regional Western Australia.

#### 2. What can RED Grants funding be used for?

The RED Grants provide funding to support locally driven projects that contribute to increasing or sustaining jobs, expanding or diversifying industry, developing skills or capability, increasing business productivity and attracting new investment to the regions.

The RED Grant Guidelines outline what funds can be applied to. Further clarification can be sought from the Pilbara Development Commission (PDC) Grants Officer on 9173 8401 or [grants@pdc.wa.gov.au](mailto:grants@pdc.wa.gov.au).

#### 3. How can I apply?

Download the Guidelines and begin your application through SmartyGrants on the [RED Grants webpage](#) at [www.pdc.wa.gov.au](http://www.pdc.wa.gov.au).

Applicants must contact the PDC Grants Officer for more information on project eligibility and advice relating to their application, prior to submitting the application form.

#### 4. When is the closing date?

Applications for Round 6 of the RED grants open on Friday 5 May 2023 and must be submitted and received through the SmartyGrants system by 5pm Friday 30 June 2023.

#### 5. How much funding can I apply for?

Eligible applicants in the Pilbara region may apply for funding of up to \$250,000 for each project.

#### 6. What if I am not registered for GST?

Applicants can still apply for grants if they are not registered for GST concessions. Unregistered grant applicants must provide the PDC with a budget for the grant total inclusive of all project costs including GST.

If you are not registered for GST concessions and need further clarification, please contact the PDC prior to submitting your application.

## **7. Does my organisation have to be regionally based to apply?**

The RED Grants are targeted at providing financial assistance to regionally based organisations. The Pilbara region covers four Local Government Areas (LGAs) including City of Karratha, Town of Port Hedland, Shire of East Pilbara and Shire of Ashburton.

Organisations outside the region may apply but will need to demonstrate significant, sustainable regional benefits and a commitment to local decision-making and planning.

## **8. How much do I need to contribute?**

Business applicants must be able to demonstrate a 50% matching cash contribution towards the Project. Other State Government funding will not be considered part of the matching cash contribution. Not-for-profit and Aboriginal owned organisations that can demonstrate in-kind and/or cash leverage may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## **9. How are applications assessed and how soon after applying will I know if I am successful or not?**

RED Grants are a competitive application process. The PDC undertakes a rigorous assessment process of all applications. Applicants should allow up to six months for the RED Grants approval process which should be considered by applicants during project planning.

The assessment criteria and decision making process used to assess applications are provided in the RED Grants Guidelines. Assessors are required to declare any potential conflicts of interest.

## **10. How many applications will be awarded with a RED Grant per region?**

There is no limit on the number of applications funded per round however there are limited funds available in each region.

## **11. Can I apply for funding in more than one region?**

Yes, however applicants will be required to submit separate applications to each Regional Development Commission (RDC) as they will be assessed independently.

Applicants will need to seek advice on their project proposal with each relevant RDC where funding will be sought. Each region has differing regional priorities and assessment panels.

## **12. If I am unsuccessful this round, can I still apply when the next round opens?**

Yes. Upon notification of being unsuccessful, applicants can contact the PDC to discuss the outcome of the assessment and how the application/project might be amended for consideration in any future rounds. Any feedback provided should not be viewed as guarantee of funding.

## **13. When is the next round?**

Future rounds for the RED Grants have not yet been announced. Please contact the PDC Grants Officer on 9173 8401 or [grants@pdc.wa.gov.au](mailto:grants@pdc.wa.gov.au) to be added to the grants mailing list for notification of future rounds as soon as they are announced.