

Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

Round six of the Regional Economic Development Grants now open

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- Round six Regional Economic Development Grants applications now open for projects that support jobs and business opportunities.
- \$31.9 million has been invested in 317 regional projects to date.
- Applications close on 30 June 2023.

The McGowan Labor Government has opened the sixth round of the Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants.

The RED grants provide up to \$250,000 for eligible projects that support jobs, expand, or diversify industry, develop skills, increase business productivity, and attract new investment to the regions.

The previous rounds are helping to deliver 317 business and community-driven projects across regional Western Australia.

The McGowan Government has committed \$50.85 million over nine years (2018-19 to 2026-27) towards the program.

Some of the projects that have been funded through the RED grants program in Esperance include:

- Lucky Bay Brewery relocation and expansion project.
- Esperance Aged Care Facility to develop a workforce plan.
- Esperance Honey to upgrade facilities and obtain certification.
- Esperance Diving and Fishing to create accessible accommodation.
- Yirri Grove to expand the shop and restaurant.
- Esperance Distillery to upgrade the still.
- Bread Local to expand the operations to increase production and extend trading hours.

Applications are now open and close on 30 June 2023.

For more information about the RED Grants program, visit <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-primary-industries-and-regional-development/grants-and-funding> or contact the Goldfields-Esperance Regional Development Commission on 08 9083 2222 or info@gedc.wa.gov.au.

Comments attributed to Member for the Agricultural Region Hon Shelley Payne MLC

“The McGowan Labor Government is committed to delivering for regional communities like ours”.

“Our continued investment in the RED grants program is delivering sustainable jobs and securing the economic future of our regional communities.

“I encourage local businesses located in the Esperance area to apply.”

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