

Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

RED grants supporting industry expansion and creating jobs in the Great Southern

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- Four Great Southern projects to receive \$470,000 Regional Economic Development (RED) Grant funding
- Cook Government investing in health care, veterinary services, childcare and manufacturing in the region

Four Great Southern projects will share in \$470,000 funding under Round 6 of the Cook Government's Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants program.

The RED Grants program is investing \$50.85 million over nine years toward locally driven projects to stimulate economic growth and build resilience in the regions.

Successful projects in round six will diversify and support expansion of four businesses in the Great Southern, including Gracefield Enterprises who has received \$110,000 to upgrade the Katanning Veterinary Clinic into the only purpose-built 24/7 Veterinary Hospital in the Upper Great Southern region.

The RED Grant will be used to purchase specialised medical equipment, high quality veterinary animal housing and emergency and critical care equipment.

The Ocean Beach Health Group will use its \$150,000 grant for the development of a five room, multi-disciplinary, allied health centre in Denmark, to provide a shared care model of health care.

The project will create sustainable jobs and expand the range of allied health options not currently available in the area.

Albany-based Village Childcare Services has been awarded \$140,000 to establish a long day care centre in Albany and expand existing out outside school hours and vacation care.

The funding will, provide an additional 68 childcare placements from 0-12 years.

A \$70,000 grant will fund the expansion of Cannabis Botanical Distillery's manufacturing facility in Denmark, increasing their manufacturing capacity from 3,500 to 35,000 litres per annum.

Comments attributed to Agricultural Region MLC Shelley Payne

"The RED Grants continue to stimulate and support economic growth across regional Western Australia", she said.

"This latest round of announcements for the Great Southern is great news for the region."

Comments attributed to Regional Development Hon Minister Don Punch MLA:

"Round six of our RED Grants program will support local businesses focused on job creation and industry expansion in the Great Southern.

"Healthcare, childcare and manufacturing are key priorities for development in the Great Southern – and together the successful recipients will help give these sectors a boost.

"These initiatives reflect the Cook Government's commitment to driving diversified employment opportunities and supporting the people behind local businesses in our regions."

Successful Round 6 RED Grant recipients – Great Southern

Grant Applicant	Project	Grant Amount
Gracefield Enterprises Pty Ltd Clinic	Katanning Veterinary Clinic Expansion	\$110,000
Scriven Property Trust	Ocean Beach Health Group Allied Health Centre	\$150,000
Village Childcare Pty Ltd	Albany Daycare Development	\$140,000
Cannabis Botanical Distillery Pty Ltd	Expansion of Cannabis Botanical Distillery manufacturing facility	\$70,000

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