

"Coming together
is a beginning

Staying together
is progress

Working together
is success"



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Regional Partnerships Program Update

Perth ACC is the primary point of contact for information and assistance in developing applications for the *Regional Partnerships* program and provides independent advice to the *Department of Transport and Regional Services* on applications submitted from the Perth region. Involving Perth ACC in project and application development will reduce the assessment time for Regional Partnerships.

To date, twenty-one projects to the value of \$2,821,021 have been approved for funding through the *Regional Partnerships* program across Perth since its inception in July 2003. The total value of these projects is approximately \$10.6 million.

Of the 56 National ACC's, these project figures have placed Perth in the top 10% with 100% of projects submitted approved for funding in the 2004-2005 period and 88% in 2005-2006.

The objectives of the Regional Partnerships program are:

- Strengthen growth and opportunities
- Improving access to services
- Support planning
- Assisting structural adjustment for communities

In conjunction with these, a list of ministerial priorities has been set for 2006-07. These are:

- Small or disadvantaged communities
- Youth
- Economic growth and skill development
- Indigenous communities

What we look for in *Regional Partnerships* applications:

- Project proposals must have clear outcomes, have the backing of other partners, be sustainable and make a real difference to communities
- *Regional Partnerships* should not be used for cost shifting of responsibilities by other agencies and levels of government.
- In general terms, proposals should limit *Regional Partnerships* requests to 40% of the total project value (Proponents/partners to provide 60% via cash/in-kind).
- DOTARS advise that for projects seeking \$25,000 or less the expected assessment period is around 8 weeks. For \$25,000 or over, the expected assessment period is around 12 weeks.
- Infrastructure projects are acceptable under Regional Partnerships.

Projects do not have to be limited to these priorities. If you believe you have a project that will benefit your community contact us on **9478 1000** or email **admin@perthacc.com.au**

The *Regional Partnerships* guidelines have recently been updated. Please call us to receive a copy.

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Strategic Regional Plan 2007-2008

The Perth ACC will undertake an update of the Strategic Regional Plan early in 2007. As it is important that Perth ACC is able to represent the views of all stakeholders within the region, we will shortly circulate electronic surveys and host a number of community consultations to ensure our new Strategic Regional Plan is up to date and relevant.

We look forward to your contribution to the process.

Report to the Community 2004 - 2006



Perth ACC has recently released the 2004-06 Report to the Community. The publication highlights the achievements of Perth ACC including successful Regional Partnerships projects and events from the past two years.

If you would like a copy of the report, please send an email with contact details to admin@perthacc.com.au

GrantSmart Expo Road Show 2007

In March this year, Perth Area Consultative Committee hosted The GrantSmart Expo Road Show; giving Australian Government agencies the opportunity to promote their funding options and priorities to small business, local governments and community organisations. This was a very successful event with over 150 people attending.

We are now making steady progress towards planning the Expo for March 2007. We will be taking registrations early in the new year. If you would like to receive a registration form or would like further information closer to the event, please email tammi@perthacc.com.au

Grant Writing Workshops

Community members and organisations seeking to gain valuable tips for writing grant applications and applying for funding for small business and community projects were invited to attend several free 'Grant Writing' workshops.

The Grant Writing Workshops included guests speakers from Perth ACC, Office for Children and Youth, Local Government and Regional Development; Healthway, Office for Multicultural Interests, City of Cockburn and Office of Crime Prevention delivering valuable up-to-date information on their respective funding opportunities. The workshops provided valuable tips for writing quality funding applications, networking opportunities with business, community and government organisations.

The four workshops, presented by Perth Area Consultative Committee (Perth ACC) in conjunction with Cities of Armadale, Wanneroo, Cockburn and Mandurah; attracted around 290 registrations in total; providing evidence of the need for such community workshops in the wide-spread metropolitan region as well as the growing interest in communities, local government authorities and other organisations seeking government funding.

Additional Grant Writing Workshops are on the agenda for early 2007 but are yet to be confirmed.

For more information on up coming workshops, please email Carol at carol@perthacc.com.au

Perth ACC Office Hours Over Christmas



Perth ACC will close for the Christmas / New Year break from Friday December 22 through to January 15, 2007.

The management and staff of Perth ACC wishes everyone a safe and happy break and look forward to seeing you in the new year.