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"Coming together is a beginning

Staying together is progress

Working together is success"

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Regional Partnerships Update

The following ten projects have been funded through Regional Partnerships for \$951,445.

The total value of these projects is \$3,445,069 and this is a generation of \$3.60 of partner funding for each dollar of Australian Government funding.

Our congratulations to:

City of Swan - Midland Education Precinct who received \$85,250 in Regional Partnerships funding to contribute towards testing the feasibility of the Midland Education Precinct concept and develop a business case for an integrated education precinct servicing the North East Metropolitan and Avon arc region.

City of Fremantle - On-Track Cycles granted \$40,700 towards the establishment of a new community-based enterprise at the Fremantle train and bus station, providing services to cyclists and other active commuters such as supervised bicycle storage, maintenance, repair and servicing.

City of Armadale – Rushton Park Redevelopment received \$110,000 for a story wall and performance space development to provide an outdoor venue for performance and cultural based activities as well as a visual recognition of artworks which portray heritage and cultural significance. It is part of an overall redevelopment of Rushton Park to meet the needs of an expanding population and address community issues in the area.

Craft West (now Form) - Designing Futures Business Development Program received \$104,500 to increase the capacity of the creative industry sector to meet the forecast supply needs created by the new Kings Park creative design retail outlet and Perth convention facilities. This will increase the potential of the craft and design sector to create employment opportunities, trigger investment into the sector by government and industry. The project has both a metropolitan and a regional focus, with a significant emphasis on nurturing creative clusters.

Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council – East Metro Industry Cluster Strategy received \$105,446 for the facilitation of cluster development in the Mining Services, Vehicle Equipment and Machinery Manufacturing industry services. This project links with the Industry Cluster South West Metro and together these projects cover more than half of the Perth area. The East Metro project will work across the local government areas of Bassendean, Bayswater, Belmont, Swan, Mundaring and Kalamunda.



Perth ACC is the primary point of contact for information and assistance in the development of applications for the Regional Partnerships programme.

Please contact us to discuss the development of your possible Regional Partnerships project idea.

South West Corridor Development and Employment Foundation - Industry Cluster Initiative South West Metro received \$70,950 for the facilitation of cluster development in Marine and Defence industry. The project seeks to identify synergies, gaps or barriers in training, market demand, production inputs, technology and infrastructure within these industry sectors and capitalise on the major contracts recently awarded to these industries. Local government areas involved in this project are Gosnells, Cockburn, Rockingham, Fremantle, East Fremantle, Melville and Kwinana.

The Artists Foundation of WA - Artists Mob received \$198,660 to increase the capacity of regional artists to access contracts and earn a meaningful living from art. The project takes vital professional development skills to Regional and Indigenous artists and arts-workers across Western Australia and will work with groups and individuals to acquire skills to manage a small business and present themselves as professional practicing arts-workers. Artists Mob will increase skills development for young people to improve their visual arts practise for the future as well as encouraging the retention and handing on of skills to future generations.

City of Cockburn - Cockburn Local Sustainable Skate Parks received \$77,000 for a project to establish youth run portable skate parks in the Cockburn area. The project seeks to combine a portable facility which can be used by the community with various groups participating in its events and uses. Involvement will be through community groups and youth groups who will also have access to Leadership Training from Challenger TAFE. It is envisaged that the skills attained from this and the opportunity to be involved in the facilities running will enhance the employability of youth in the area as well as increasing community engagement.

Rotary Club of Perth - Perth Cultural Markets received \$96,250 towards the establishment of central city markets in the Northbridge area. These markets will create employment opportunities as well as increasing the number of people visiting the Northbridge area giving spin off effects for local businesses. Proceeds of the markets will be reinvested back into local communities to support community sponsored and supported initiatives.

City of Wanneroo - Wanneroo Business Grow Centre received \$63,365 of Regional Partnerships funding to contribute to the development of an integrated business solutions centre incorporating business assistance, strategic regional planning, commercial opportunities capture and conversion, strategic industry attraction, commercial properties database, product development assistance, joint venture and partnership development for the rapidly growing north metropolitan area.

Regional Partnerships Downloads:

Idea Assessment Kit

Guidelines

Application



Regional Partnerships Funding

New Streamlined Process For Projects Under \$25,000

The Australian Government's approach to regional development is to work in partnership with communities, government and the private sector to foster the development of self-reliant communities and regions.

Through *Regional Partnerships*, the Australian Government will invest in projects that focus on:

- **Strengthening growth and opportunities** by investing in projects that strengthen and provide greater opportunities for economic and social participation in the community;
- **Improving access to services** by investing in projects that, in a cost effective and sustainable way, support communities to access services. It will give priority to communities in regional Australia with a population of less than 5,000;
- **Supporting planning** by investing in projects that assist communities to identify and explore opportunities and to develop strategies for action; and
- **Assisting in structural adjustment** by investing in projects that assist specifically identified communities and regions adjust to major economic, social or environmental change.

The Department has introduced a streamlined application process for applications seeking \$25,000 or less (GST exclusive). There is now a shortened application form and a simpler assessment process for these smaller applications.

Application forms and guidelines can also be downloaded from www.perthacc.com.au or www.regionalpartnerships.gov.au

Alternatively you can contact **Perth ACC** on **9478 1000** to talk about your project idea and how to apply for *Regional Partnerships* funding. We can provide information and assist in developing your application from the very beginning.



GRANTSMART

Federal Departments talk funding to community and business on May 20 in Gingin

- **Meet** Government funding agencies staff and hear about their programs, services and grants,
- **Learn** about funding opportunities for your project or business,
- **Discuss** your ideas with people keen to help.

Government agency representatives will be in the Gravity Discovery Centre in Gingin on May 20 to talk to local community organisations, local governments and businesses about opportunities available from the Australian Government.

The 2005 GrantSmart seminar will be held at the Gravity Discovery Centre in Gingin and will showcase Australian Government funding opportunities and priorities for small business and community projects.

At this stage, it is expected that the Expo will start at 12 noon with an opportunity to tour the facility, followed by the official welcome and a series of rotational sessions at which Australian Government programmes will be showcased.

This will be followed by a 'Sundowner' function which will offer networking opportunities and the chance to sample local produce. Dinner will be followed by an optional 'stargazing experience' at the Southern Cross Cosmos Centre.

In 2004, nearly 200 people attended GrantSmart in York, 150 in Busselton and now in 2005 this opportunity will be available to people in the outer metropolitan area. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the program, please complete the registration form attached and return to the Perth ACC.

GrantSmart 2005 is a joint collaboration between the Perth ACC and Wheatbelt ACC.



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