

Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants Wheatbelt Regional Priorities

The Wheatbelt Development Commission (WDC) has identified a number of regional priorities as part of the strategic initiatives outlined in its [Strategic Plan 2024-26](#). These guide the WDC's approach to regional development, outlining key focus areas to drive economic and social outcomes across the Wheatbelt.

In addition to demonstrating alignment with the RED Grants Program objectives, RED Grant applicants should demonstrate how their project aligns with and supports the below regional strategic priorities:

REGIONAL PRIORITY	GOALS
Grow existing, and find and develop new industries	<p>Attract and facilitate regional investment that supports economic growth.</p> <p>Unlock barriers for new and growing industry.</p> <p>Support community preparedness and realisation of local benefits arising from economic growth and diversification across the region.</p> <p>Support and grow sustainable resource management and energy generation practices and projects across the region.</p>
Enhance regional living standards	<p>Build, hold and share regional intelligence regarding liveability and living standards</p> <p>Support innovative delivery and governance models associated with community services and facilities.</p> <p>Improve digital connectivity across the region.</p> <p>Plan for, and support initiatives and programs that deliver housing outcomes across the region.</p> <p>Promote the liveability and economic contribution of the Wheatbelt.</p>
Increase Aboriginal participation in the regional economy	<p>Support Aboriginal economic opportunities arising from the SW Native Title Settlement as a significant economic development package.</p> <p>Support Aboriginal economic participation and unlock barriers for opportunities to grow participation.</p>

Please refer to the [Strategic Plan 2024-26](#) for more detail on the WDC's regional priorities.