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[ASSEMBLY — Tuesday, 10 May 2022] p2004c-2013a Ms Mia Davies; Mr Mark McGowan

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

- 459. Ms M.J. Davies to the Premier representing the Minister for Regional Development:
- (1) How many applicants applied for Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants in:
 - (a) RED Grants Round 1 (2018–19);
 - (b) RED Grants Round 2 (2019–20);
 - (c) RED Grants Round 3 (2020–21); and
 - (d) RED Grants Round 4 (2021–22)?
- (2) For (1)(a)–(d) please identify for each individual applicant:
 - (a) The applicant/s name and business;
 - (b) Application project and intent;
 - (c) Regional Development Commission managing the application;
 - (d) Amount applied for;
 - (e) Whether the applicant was a successful recipient or not;
 - (f) The amount granted to successful recipients;
 - (g) Amount acquitted; and
 - (h) If the project has commenced?

Mr M. McGowan replied:

- (1) (a) 259
 - (b) 306
 - (c) 369
 - (d) 287

(2) It has never been the practice of Government to release the names of unsuccessful applicants. I table the details of successful applications.

Applicant Business	Application Project	Project Description	RDC	Amount Granted	Amount Acquitted	Project Comm enced
North West Short Stay Pty Ltd	Ningaloo Commercial Laundry	To develop and fit out a commercial laundry in Exmouth. Providing a laundry service to the wider Gascoyne region including Coral Bay and Carnarvon. The project will meet growing demand for linen laundering and improve the quality of linens provided to regional accommodation businesses. Requested funds will go towards the cost of property fit out, hydraulic upgrades and project management.	Gascoyne	\$150,000	\$0	No
Shire Of Upper Gascoyne	Gascoyne Junction Residential Subdivision – Stage 1	Subdivision of 10 un-serviced lots (approximately 6.9 acres) within Gascoyne Junction. The aim to create economic opportunities, enabling the construction of new dwellings to support workforce attraction and population retention in Gascoyne Junction. Requested funding to be allocated toward providing underground power and water to lots.	Gascoyne	\$100,000	\$0	No
The Trustee for Jamie Morgan Family Trust	Expansion of Shark Bay Marine Repairs and Services to include indoor work spaces and worker accommodation	The project will deliver a purpose-built workshop and retail space, housing vessels under repair and allowing local access to marine supplies. The workshop will provide shelter from extreme weather conditions, improving operating efficiencies. On site accommodation will be renovated for use by the business's employees, reducing housing pressure that will help attract a new skilled worker to the region. Requested funding to be used	Gascoyne	\$200,000	\$0	No

		toward the cost of worker accommodation, shed and retail space construction an audit.				
Valeria Lucchitto	Taste of Italy by Valeria	To construct a purpose-built commercial kitchen in which to expand an existing catering business. The kitchen will be suitably equipped to enable the preparation of foods to meet specialty dietary requirements without cross contamination and have the capacity for processing local mangos for wholesale purposes. Funding to go toward the cost of construction, fit out and new equipment for the kitchen.	Gascoyne	\$100,000	\$0	Yes
Australian Potash Limited	Laverton Training Centre (LTC)	The Laverton Training Centre will provide vocational training programs to local and regional people who would otherwise, due to perceived and actual barriers to mainstream training program entry requirements, not qualify for or be inclined to apply for formal training programs.	Goldfields— Esperance	\$250,000	\$0	No
Goldfields Machining Pty Ltd	Hydraulic Cylinder Repair Bench	Purchase a Hydraulic Cylinder Repair Bench with stripping/assembly capabilities, to enable pressure testing, digital reporting and laser stroke measurement. The bench will increase the service provision within the Goldfields Region to the mining sector.	Goldfields– Esperance	\$75,000	\$0	No
Seas It All Pty Ltd	Access Esperance	The project will renovate Esperance Diving and Fishing to include two accessible holiday apartments and an office, providing additional services and increased accessibility to visitors. The apartments will be fully accessible to enable Esperance to target the lucrative and growing Accessible Tourism market.	Goldfields— Esperance	\$200,000	\$0	No
Shire of Dundas	Dundas-Ngadju Timber Utilisation and Diversification	Working with Ngadju (Traditional Owners), the Shire of Dundas seeks to utilise timber that would otherwise be waste from clearing mine sites. Mill timber will become a saleable product, through the Forest Products Commission contract and will supply timber for local production to Ngadju, Men's Shed, industry development initiative.	Goldfields— Esperance	\$200,000	\$0	No
Yirri Grove Pty Ltd	Increasing Capacity of award winning Yirri Grove Olive Oil	Yirri Grove produces the finest quality Extra Virgin Olive Oil and also provides a high-quality tourism experience through a farm shop and restaurant that boasts a paddock to plate experience. This project will expand the business operations through increase processing space, an extension of the existing restaurant and addition of new olive trees.	Goldfields— Esperance	\$60,000	\$0	Yes
Albany Enterprise Group Inc	Albany Business Centre Re- Development Plan (stage 1)	Re-development of the existing buildings to increase space for start-up businesses, update to current accessibility guidelines, improvement of centre for businesses and community to allow increased workshops and education.	Great Southern	\$50,000	\$0	Yes
Aspect Modular Pty Ltd	Relocation of the Aspect Modular Manufacturing Facility to Denmark.	Aspect Modular, established in 2017, is a Perth based builder of bespoke (architecturally designed) modular houses. RED funding will enable the relocation of Aspect Modular's operations from Jandakot to the Great Southern to a purpose built manufacturing facility to be	Great Southern	\$190,000	\$0	No

		constructed in the new Denmark Light				
Badgebup Aboriginal Corporation	Mungart Seed Enterprises Nursery	Industrial Area (LIA). Through the WA Government's Aboriginal Ranger Program, Badgebup Aboriginal Corporation (BAC) has established a multiskilled mobile workforce of 24 Noongar Rangers engaged in land regeneration, bushfoods and cultural tourism. RED funding be used to purchase a commercial greenhouse to support the establishment of a nursery enterprise to keep BAC's pool of Rangers sustainably employed beyond the current 3–4 month winter planting season.	Great Southern	\$62,100	\$0	Yes
Claycore Pty Ltd	Venco Manufacturing Facility	Venco is an internationally renowned manufacturer and exporter of high-quality equipment for ceramics artists and others in the pottery industry. With a history dating back to 1972, Venco wholesales and services a range of electric potters wheels, pugmills, slab rollers, clay extruders and glass grinders. RED funding will enable the construction of a new manufacturing facility in Albany to enable Venco Products to increase manufacturing capacity and sales of wholesale ceramic equipment into national and international markets.	Great Southern	\$190,000	\$0	Yes
South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc	Seeds of the Great Southern: Strategic positioning of Noongar enterprises within the restoration economy	A partnership between South Coast NRM, Gnowangerup Aboriginal Corporation and Tambellup Aboriginal Corporation will build on the skills and knowledge obtained through the RED R2 'Seeding Great Southern Noongar Enterprises' project to underpin the formal creation and advancement of two Noongar enterprises in the region's rapidly expanding restoration economy. REDs funding will enable the necessary support, infrastructure, governance and training to establish a commercially viable native seed enterprise in Tambellup and a native seedling nursery in Gnowangerup.	Great Southern	\$94,000	\$0	No
MGC Building and Maintenance Pty Ltd	Assistance in Purchasing Capital Equipment	The project is to purchase a soil compactor (roller) machine which will give the organisation capacity to undertake work and engage, train and retain employees. The aim of the organisation is to keep their Aboriginal employment rate above 50%.	Kimberley	\$85,000	\$0	No
East Kimberley Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Addressing labour shortage issues in the East Kimberley region.	Funding will support the initial year of a five year Designated Area Migration Agreement (DAMA) project that will address significant labour shortages in the East Kimberley and appoint the EKCCI as the Designated Area Representative (DAR). Skilled and semi-skilled workers not available through standard visa processes will be engaged for the region.	Kimberley	\$75,000	\$0	No
Marine Biomedical Pty Ltd	To enable a pilot Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) laboratory facility in Broome to	Purchase, installation and fit-out of a laboratory facility to enable the production of Pearlbone for use in the biomedical industry.	Kimberley	\$200,000	\$0	No

	manufacture PearlBone.					
Mowanjum Aboriginal Corporation	Expanding Mowanjum's Pivot Capability to accommodate more Wagyu breeders	The project will expand an existing centre pivot from 40 to 60 hectares doubling the agistment capability from 2,500 to 5,000 Wagyu breeders.	Kimberley	\$60,000	\$0	No
Lakeside Minerals Livestock Pty Ltd	Establishment of Lakeside Minerals Livestock – supplements for Kimberley pastoralists.	A processing plant will be established in an existing refurbished shed to supply North West pastoralists with locally produced stock supplements. A locally produced product will assist in reducing product and freight costs.	Kimberley	\$150,000	\$0	Yes
Frilled Enterprises Pty Ltd	Traffic Management Certification	The project is to obtain certification for the Traffic Management Company Registration Scheme which will result in training and employment opportunities for local Aboriginal people.	Kimberley	\$33,000	\$0	No
Frillnecks Enterprises Pty Ltd	Little Bilbies Expansion Project	The project of expanding an existing day- care facility in Derby includes funding two new buildings, a playground, a play deck with shade sail, security and perimeter fencing and safety features such as internal fencing, safety gates and ramps.	Kimberley	\$170,000	\$0	No
Fenix- Newhaul Pty Ltd	World leading simulator technology to enhance the Road Train driver learning experience, providing more robust, safer and quicker training.	Purchase a simulator manufactured by CKAS that works in a similar way to an aircraft simulator. Newhaul's Kick Start Driver Training Academy is being established in Geraldton to address three significant needs – Create jobs in the Mid West region, Create sustainable career pathways for indigenous people in the Mid West region, Assist the State to meet the acute labour shortages facing the mining and resources sector. This centrepiece of the Academy is unlike anything else in Australia and has been designed to include an actual Mack truck cabin, as well as to replicate specific road routes through advanced software and mapping.	Mid West	\$250,000	\$0	No
Nufab Industries Pty Ltd	Computer Numeric Control (CNC) High Definition (HD) Plasma Cutting	Purchase Computer Numeric Controlled (CNC) High Definition (HD) Plasma Cutting machine due to an increasing internal business need for precision cutting of high grade thick metal plates to make custom parts that Nufab use in the manufacture of market leading farming machinery. The CNC project will enable Nufab to complete all its machine cutting in-house in Geraldton, as well as provide this service and capability to other local businesses.	Mid West	\$146,700	\$0	Yes
Wajarri Yamaji Aboriginal Corporation	Wajarri Cultural Tourism Walga Rock and Wilgie Mia	Commence conducting cultural tours based in Cue and visiting Walga Rock and/or the Wilgie Mia Ochre Mine. Tours will initially be half day to Walga Rock or overnight camping to visit both sites. We have identified a Wajarri member who is currently conducting ad hoc tours with permission from Traditional Owners. This proposal will formalise this arrangement and includes marketing to develop the profile and	Mid West	\$216,366	\$0	No

New Leaf	New Leaf	generate customer interest and numbers. This project is the precursor to a much larger project (see attached Walganah (Walga Rock) and Wilgie Mia Concept Design and Tourism Framework Report). Purchase a customised trailer and fit it with	Mid West	\$11,051	\$0	No
Connect	Connect – Trailer Addition	additional equipment – barbeque, Engel, folding chairs and table – to enhance the customer experience while on tours, custom trips and experiences in the Midwest and to allow additional storage space for private transport jobs.				
Rainstar Holdings Pty Ltd	Wooleen Station Visitors Building	Relocate and refurbish a 1922 Shearer's Shed Kitchen and transform it into the Wooleen Station Visitors Building to include a merchandise outlet, hospitality service, interpretive space, art gallery and meeting room.	Mid West	\$100,000	\$0	No
Hunsa Smallgoods Pty Ltd	Domestic and Export Production Expansion Capacity Upgrade	Install new equipment including a vacuum fill and portion system enabling an increase in manufacturing capacity and triple the speed to manage the expected increase in export business.	Peel	\$90,000	\$0	Yes
Eden Towers Pty Ltd	Growing Bush Foods	Establishment of a solar powered vertical farm in the Peel Business Park (a first for Australia) with significant Growing Bush Foods program in addition to other product development / growing opportunities. The Growing Bush Foods project will explore the over 6,000 different varieties of bush foods and see which of these grow best in a vertical farm environment. Once the right crops are selected, they will be developed into commercial products either through direct sales for edible products, downstream processing for commercial uses, support reforestation or explore other uses. The ultimate goal being the establishment of new/different product segment into a growing bush food market. To support the vertical farm and Growing Bush Foods project, Eden Towers will construct an onsite laboratory and establish a commercialisation program for the growing of Bush Foods for consumption, development into pharmaceutical or cosmetics and explore other downstream uses.	Peel	\$170,000	\$0	No
Caravan King	Workshop Expansion & Job Creation	Design and construct new production facility to service demands within the Peel for caravan and motorhome maintenance, repair and upgrade.	Peel	\$160,000	\$0	Yes
Spinifex Brewery	Establish at the WAFIP in the Peel region and expand production capacity through installation of a canning line	Spinifex Brewery Limited will establish a production brewery within the WA Food Innovation Precinct. The purpose of this RED grant application is to seek funds to purchase and install a canning line within the Spinifex production brewery. The canning line is essential equipment to enable Spinifex to package beer for sale into the Australian domestic market and to export the Taste of Australia range.	Peel	\$150,000	\$0	Yes

Chaff City	Chaff City Expansion and Automation	Purchase and installation of equipment to semi automate mixing and packaging processes for muesli and grain mixes produced by Chaff City. These improvements will ultimately result in Chaff City being able to expand further into the Australian market and export their products internationally.	Peel	\$90,000	\$0	Yes
Smartstream Technology Pty Ltd T/A Smartstream Technology	Procurement, installation and commissioning of a second Rotomoulding machine	Procure, install and operate a second, larger rotomoulding machine to keep up with current and future demand for the innovative in-house scientifically developed sewer/wastewater and stormwater product range for use by the civil and industrial industries.	Peel	\$120,000	\$0	Yes
Darryl Corps Family Trust	REDS VR (Regional Earthmoving Digital Simulators – Virtual Reality)	The project aims to deliver three cutting edge virtual reality civil and construction training modules, in a purpose built solar powered facility in Karratha. The project will offer an efficient, safe and environmentally sustainable solution to workforce upskilling, increasing he number of locally based skilled human resources. Karratha Earthmoving intend to expand the VR simulator offering, to create the Civil and Construction Centre of Excellence (CCCoE), the first of its kind in regional Western Australia. Funding will specifically assist in the purchase of the simulator.	Pilbara	\$150,000	\$0	No
Jenkinson Wilson Charters Pty Ltd (Kuarlu Marine Charters Onslow WA)	Kuarlu Marine Charters Onslow	The project aims to establish a marine charter operation in Onslow with a key focus on engaging and training local youth. Funding will be used for the purchase of the 65ft vessel which will provide a range of marine tourism experiences, including sightseeing and fishing charters, whale watching tours, Mackerel and Monte Bello Island extended charters, special charters for marine cadets, island beach clean charters, marine environment and safety education, and partnering with other Indigenous organisations for cultural tours. In conjunction with the charter operations, the applicant will run a cadetship program aimed at local Indigenous youth to offer a pathway to marine and related industry career opportunities, while reconnecting them to their culture and tradition of the Thalanyji people, who are the Traditional Owners of the Onslow area. The final component of the project is to use the vessel as a commercial fishing charter during the tourism shoulder and off-season.	Pilbara	\$250,000	\$0	No
Town Of Port Hedland	Kingsford Smith Business Park and Airport Precinct Business Fibre Zone Project	The project aims to establish a Business Fibre Zone (BFZ), under a co-investment model with NBN, at Kingsford Smith Business Park and the broader Port Hedland International Airport precinct. The project will: • Enhance reliability for bandwidth intensive applications; • Facilitate scalability to suit business demand; • Support improved production,	Pilbara	\$97,000	\$0	No

		collaboration and innovation; and • achieve greater service equity between BFZ located businesses and the metropolitan centre. Funding is specifically sought to assist with				
Weerianna Street Media Pty Ltd	Establishment of IndigiFlix – Australia's first online streaming service for Indigenous films, documentaries, tv series' and music events	The project aims to create Australia's first all- Indigenous online subscription based streaming service, IndigiFlix. IndigiFlix will host extremely high quality short films, documentaries, television series and music events. Weerianna Street Media (WSM) is a crossmedia company owned and operated by Tyson Mowarin, a Ngarluma man. WSM will approach local, national, international Indigenous artists to broadcast their works on IndigiFlix. The artists will be paid a fee for their works and after two years WSM will invest profits from IndigiFlix into the local Pilbara community through creation and production of additional films and livestreaming events, creating jobs and demand for a range of services and products. Funding is specifically sought to assist in website development, preparation of content, part time editor, 3 year subscription to Uscreen, legal fees, marketing and publicity, equipment and training.	Pilbara	\$110,000	\$0	Yes
Woodbines Enterprises Pty Ltd (Tender Relief)	Tender Relief Online	The project aims to build and market an interactive and educational software product and easy to use mobile app to help Pilbara businesses produce quality tender applications. Tender Relief has completed the design and planning work and released a prototype to 42 Pilbara based businesses to test the market, 5 of those businesses signed up for an annual membership with two signing up multiple staff members. The next stage of the project is building the software and functionality, populating the content, marketing and launch. Funding will specifically be used to assist in the development of the app and wages for a data entry and administrator, a junior developer, and a senior technology developer.	Pilbara	\$100,000	\$0	No
Hemp Squared Pty Ltd	Hemp Squared Manufacturing Facility Expansion Project	Hemp Squared is a start-up business manufacturing hemp-lime blocks for sustainable housing construction. The production of hemp-lime building blocks creates a market for hemp hurd in Western Australia. Hemp Squared has conducted research and development and product trials at its existing nano-plant manufacturing facility near Bridgetown. The existing facility has reached capacity and this expansion project includes construction of a 375m2 shed, 5 pneumatic block presses and ancillary equipment to facilitate block production. The new facility will increase production capacity to 200,000 hemp-lime blocks per year (enough to construct 100–120 dwellings). Demands is expected to grow to about 1,000,000 blocks by 2027. The	South West	\$100,000	\$0	Yes

		project will employ an additional 6				
		permanent full time staff and 3 part time				
		staff to facilitate increased production.				
Jakim Pty Ltd (Margaret River Free Range Eggs)	Advanced Climatically Controlled Egg Processing Plant	This project responds to the rising consumer demand for free range production and changes to food safety standards Funding will support the construction of an advanced climatically controlled egg processing plant that will: • improve food safety and quality through automation in a temperature controlled environment • reduce unit costs through economies of scale • increase marketing power through economies of scope • enable egg producers to compete in markets where they previously were impeded through either cost, price, scale or quality • encourage the expansion of egg production by existing producers •encourage new producers to enter the industry •enhance industry sustainability and growth	South West	\$150,000	\$0	No
Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association Inc.	Eagles Heritage Capacity & Experience Enhancement Project	The project will focus on increasing capacity and enhancing the visitor experience at Eagles Heritage. Funding will support: 1 An audio-enabled discovery tour of the large bush block precinct that provides engaging interpretation of the birds of prey, the flora as told through the perspective of local Aboriginal customs and traditional uses narrated by Wadandi custodians, and Wadandi Boodja and the connection to and care of country for 60,000+ years. 2. A large built structure that provides an immersive, audio-visual, nocturnal bird of prey experience with 360 degree screens. Visitors enter the facility and in a darkened space experience sounds and glimpses of nocturnal birds of prey in action while learning more about the local nocturnal wildlife of our region.	South West	\$100,000	\$0	Yes
RCR Mining Technologies Pty Ltd	Apron Feeder Components Robotic Welder	RCR's highest selling product is its apron feeder, which RCR design and manufacture in a range of sizes according to customer specifications for the mining sector. As part of the company's maintenance and product support program, RCR also design and manufacture key apron feeder replacement and spare parts such as return rollers, carry roller frames and take-up housing. To meet demand for the large volumes of spare parts manufactured by RCR the company currently uses semi-automated CNC machines to manufacture componentry which is manually welded together to form the part. The 'Apron Feeder Components Robotic Welder' Project allows RCR to modernise and automate what is a laborious, repetitive and inefficient process, whilst maximising production output and improving price competitiveness.	South West	\$99,181	\$0	Yes

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The Trustees for the Nigg Family Trust (Hidden River Estate)	The South West Strawberry Propagation Project	This project is now in its fourth year of operation having completed trials on the propagation of several licenced varieties of strawberry. In 2020 the company produced 95,000 potted plants (known as plugs) which were sold to WA growers. Plants are propagated using an innovative approach to avoid soil borne disease and cultivated in nursery trays to produce established plugs. These plugs outperform imported plugs in productivity and early fruiting. The business has reached production capacity with current infrastructure and is seeking support to expand infrastructure to allow for the production of over 1 million plugs per season. With the new infrastructure the business will upscale production capacity to establish a niche new industry in the South West and provide ongoing and seasonal employment for local workers and contractors.	South West	\$100,000	\$0	Yes
Noongar Land Enterprise Group – Boola Boornap	Native Tree Nursery Upgrade and Expansion	The RED funding will enable upgrades to the native tree nursery to increase production to 2 million seedlings per annum and gain accreditation to allow direct sales to the public. The funding will go towards water catchment and storage, office repairs and upgrades, shed repairs and upgrades and improving the growing area by undertaking repairs and expansion to accommodate the increased capacity target.	Wheatbelt	\$100,000	\$0	Yes
Shire of Bruce Rock	Bruce Rock Supermarket	The Shire of Bruce Rock supermarket burnt down in March 2021. The Shire has purchased the old supermarket site with the intention of constructing and fitting out a new building to be leased to a suitable independent retailer. The RED funding will contribute to the construction and fit out works, with funds to be put towards the construction of the supermarket superstructure.	Wheatbelt	\$105,000	\$0	No
Whinbin Rock Farms	Armstrong Malt – Artisan Malthouse Establishment	Whinbin Rock Farms is located in the Shire of Narrogin and is establishing an artisan malthouse using 100% local West Australian grains. The Malthouse will focus on speciality malts, special releases and custom options crafted from a variety of local grains and tailored towards supplying speciality and niche markets of the West Australian beer and spirit industry. The drum malting system, believed to be the first of its kind in Australia, will enable specialty, custom malts to be produced. Whinbin Rock Farms intends to expand into low gluten and gluten-free malts. The RED funding will contribute to the construction of a shed on Whinbin Rock Farms' property to house the malting equipment and infrastructure.	Wheatbelt	\$190,000	\$0	No
Augment Agriculture	Living Farm Expansion and New Integrated Facility	The RED funding will contribute to the construction of a integrated facility combining offices, equipment sheds, mechanical workshops and storage. The	Wheatbelt	\$200,000	\$0	No

		facility will become the head office and operations centre for Living Farm, allowing it to remain in the region, expand and provide significant economic benefits to the Wheatbelt.				
Evoke Living Homes	ELH Manufacturing Facility	The RED funding will contribute to the construction of a purpose-built undercover facility of 2,000m2 to allow the manufacture of homes in all weather conditions. This new facility will enable a significant reduction in production delays and double production capacity. By increasing turnover, additional full-time employees and apprentices can be taken on, giving Evoke Living Homes surety of labour and ability to scale by entering into new markets.	Wheatbelt	\$200,000	\$0	No