

REGIONAL INVESTMENT FUND, APPLICATIONS

2010. Hon Murray Criddle to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development

Can the minister please provide the following information relating to the Regional Investment Fund initiated in June 2001 -

- (1) Each successful applicant, a description of the project and the amount allocated under the Regional Infrastructure Funding Program (RIFP)?
- (2) Each successful applicant, a description of the project and the amount allocated under the Regional Development Scheme (RDS) administered by the nine Regional Development Commissions?
- (3) Each successful applicant, a description of the project and the amount allocated under the WA Regional Initiatives Fund?
- (4) For those applicants who were not successful, a list of each applicant, a description of the project and the amount requested through the -
 - (a) Regional Infrastructure Funding Program (RIFP);
 - (b) Regional Development Scheme (RDS); and
 - (c) WA Regional Initiatives Fund (WARIS)?
- (5) A list of allocations that were not the subject of an 'expression of interest' or 'application' to the Regional Investment Fund?
- (6) The total amount to date allocated under the three schemes from the original \$75 million?
- (7) The total amount remaining for allocation from the original \$75 million?
- (8) Will the remaining funds be made available through the three schemes during the 2004-05 financial year?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) The Regional Infrastructure Funding Program (RIFP), the major \$55 million component of the Government's \$75 million Regional Investment Fund (RIF), has been divided into three funding categories. These are RIFP contestable funding rounds (of which three have been held), strategic commitments and the Indigenous Infrastructure Program (IIP). Two main schemes were developed under IIP – the Indigenous Arts and Tourism Facilities Funding Program (IATFFP) and the Indigenous Infrastructure Projects Program (IIPP).

A list of successful applicants, a description of the project and the amount approved under RIFP, IIPP and IATFFP appears below, followed by the list of Strategic Commitments:

RIFP Successful Applicants

ROUND 1 – 2002-03

Applicant's Name	Description of Project	Amount \$ (ex GST)
Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission	Goldfields North Heritage Trail between Coolgardie and Laverton	170,000
Denmark Education and Innovation Centre	Refurbishment of the former Denmark Agricultural College dormitory as a Sustainable living demonstration project	100,000
Ongerup Community Development Inc	Developing and constructing a Malleefowl Visitor and Interpretive Centre in Ongerup	500,000
Shire of Derby/West Kimberley	Second stage of reconstruction of Derby Airport runway	600,000
City of Geraldton	Geraldton CBD and foreshore redevelopment	1,030,000
Shire of Busselton	Construction of the Busselton Jetty Underwater Observatory	500,000
Motoring South West Inc	Upgrade and extension of sprint circuit and the Collie Motorplex	750,000
Town of Northam	Redevelopment of the main street and CBD of Northam	350,000
Country Housing Authority	Provision of housing for regional communities	500,000
TOTAL		4,500,000

ROUND 2 – 2003-04

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Department of Planning and Infrastructure	Construction of a 100m land-backed wharf at Carnarvon Boat Harbour	1,000,000
Shire of Dundas	Dundas Woodlands Discovery Trail - the provision of the infrastructure component of the trail, an interpretive drive trail between Hyden and Norseman	177,527
Shire of Leonora	To assist with Stages 3 to 5 of the upgrade of the main street in Leonora, Tower St. Covers the restoration of shop fronts & facades	109,350
St Mary's Industries Inc	To establish commercial recycling in partnership with City of Kalgoorlie Boulder	367,480
Shire of Kojonup	Kojonup Tourist Railway - develop a tourist railway for a distance of 14kms from Kojonup to Farrar Reserve	86,000
Broome Port Authority	Extension to Broome Wharf	2,500,000
Fairbridge Western Australia	To assist with the following 3 components of the \$10.6M Fairbridge Redevelopment Program; Conservation and renovation of Exeter Cottage including addition of Visitor Interpretation Centre New multifunctional facility and environmental centre Conservation and renovation of Belfast Cottage	1,200,000
Shire of Roebourne	Development of the historic town of Cossack: assist with upgrading services & renovating buildings.	1,300,000
Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup	Donnybrook Pedestrian Suspension Bridge Project: to assist with constructing the bridge which is a key component of the Preston River Community Park Development project.	150,000
Shire of Collie	Collie Entrance Tourism Precinct including Collie Visitor Centre, establishment of an Art Gallery and Cultural Centre, improving parking facilities, toilet, park, barbecue facilities and entrance precinct.	500,000
Shire of Dalwallinu	Industrial Land Development - developing nine new lots to be provided with water, power and communications infrastructure and 8 of the 9 will have dual access for haulage.	80,000
Shire of Gingin	Lancelin Sewerage Initiative - to sewer the northern precinct of the Lancelin townsite.	190,000
Gravity Discovery Centre Foundation Inc	To assist with the following 3 construction components of the Gravity Discovery Centre: Cosmology Gallery Gravity Glass Elevator Disabled access walkway	500,000
Shire of Roebourne	New recreational facility for the Bulgarra Oval Sports Precinct in Karratha	500,000
TOTAL		8,660,357

ROUND 3 (2003/04)

Applicant's Name	RDC	Description of Project	Amount \$ (ex GST)
Shire of Carnarvon	GDC	Assist to develop irrigation infrastructure for the Carnarvon Townscape Enhancement – Stage 1	722,110
Bugarrigurra Nyurdany Aboriginal Corporation	KDC	Development and construction of the Bugarrigurra Nyurdany Interpretive Centre, as part of the Broome Arts Centre (for 2005-06 funding)	750,000
Total Round 3			1,472,110
TOTAL – Rounds 1, 2 and 3			\$14,632,467

Indigenous Arts and Tourism Facilities Funding Program (2003-04)

Applicant's Name	Description of Project	Amount \$ (ex GST)
Baiyungu Aboriginal Corporation	Tourism Development Proposal - Bruboodjoo	47,376
Laverton Leonora Cross Cultural Association	Improved Tourist Access to Laverton Outback Gallery	16,982

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Ngaanyatjarra Council	Women's Centre Upgrade - Mantamaru Community	29,800
Paupiyala Tjarutja Aboriginal Corporation	Spinifex Signage Project	34,000
Wongutha Birni Aboriginal Corporation	Wongutha Birni Aboriginal Cultural Centre	80,430
Canila Pty Ltd T/as Turkey Creek Roadhouse, Warmun Community	Caravan Park and Gija Visitor Centre Development	30,314
Kundat Djaru Aboriginal Corporation	Yaruman Arts and Culture Centre	80,000
Mamabulanjin Aboriginal Corporation	Vehicle for Dampier Peninsula Transport Service	77,400
Warlayirti Artists Aboriginal Corporation	Developing Glass Workshop Program	22,523
Wunambal Gaambera Aboriginal Corporation	Ngauwudu Guiding Service Accommodation	60,000
Wila Gutharra Community Aboriginal Corporation	Regional and Community Arts Enterprise Development Project	98,519
Cheeditha Group Aboriginal Corporation	Cultural Enterprise Development	44,670
Ngurawaana Community	Ngurawaana Cultural and Tourism Project	16,600
Pilbara Arts Crafts and Designs Aboriginal Corporation	The renovations to the Courthouse Art Centre & Gallery / PACDAC	80,129
Western Desert Puntukurnuparna	Art and recreation equipment in an established shed at Parngurr	30,000
TOTAL		748,743

INDIGENOUS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS PROGRAM (IIPP) APPLICANTS - 2003-04

Applicant's Name	RDC	Description of Project	Amount \$ (ex GST)
Kimberley Aboriginal Pastoralists Association (KAPA)	KDC	Economic Benchmarking and Infrastructure Project	50,000
Ngunulum Aboriginal Corporation	KDC	Cockatoo Springs Nature Based Park	63,247
Mowanjum Aboriginal Corporation	KDC	Mowanjum Arts/Tourism Centre	500,000
Midwest Employment and Economic Development Aboriginal Corporation	MWDC	Hothouse/Nursery Production Enterprise	115,130
Paupiyala Tjarutja Aboriginal Corporation	GEDC	Cultural Tourism Initiative - Ilkurlka	143,000
RAWA Community School Aboriginal Corporation	Pilbara	Healthy Lifestyle Training Centre	147,300
Country Housing Authority		8 x Indigenous housing projects each granted \$50,000	400,000
TOTAL – Indigenous Infrastructure Projects Program			1,418,677

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TOTAL – INDIGENOUS PROJECTS	2,167,420
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Strategic Commitments

Project	Financial year	Funding approved (\$)
WA Tourism Commission – tourism rescue package following the collapse of Ansett Airlines	2001-02	3,000,000
South West Online	2001-02	5,500,000
Forests Assistance – Old Growth Forests Policy	2001-02	16,500,000
Shire of Shark Bay World Heritage Interpretive Centre	2001-02	5,000,000
Pt Samson Fishing Platform	2001-02	500,000
Port Hedland Enhancement Scheme	2004-05	4,500,000
Roebourne Enhancement Scheme	2004-05	2,000,000
Regional Headworks Program	2004-05	1,000,000
Town of Northam - redevelopment of the main street and CBD of Northam	2004-05	250,000
TOTAL		38,250,000

- (2) Kimberley Development Commission
[See paper No 2473.]
- Pilbara Development Commission
[See paper No 2473.]
- Gascoyne Development Commission
[See paper No 2473.]
- Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission
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- Midwest Development Commission
[See paper No 2473.]
- Wheatbelt Development Commission
[See paper No 2473.]
- Great Southern Development Commission
[See paper No 2473.]
- Peel Development Commission
[See paper No 2473.]
- South West Development Commission
[See paper No 2473.]
- Department of Local Government and Regional Development
Allocations to date for Regional Development Scheme excess funds.
A total of \$600,000 is available over 4 years.

2001-02		
DLGRD	Year of the Outback	140,000
GSDC	Great Southern Regional Investment Tour - Travel Costs	10,000
2002-03		
DLGRD	Economic Perspectives	65,000
Shire of Ravensthorpe	Shire of Ravensthorpe planning	10,000
WA Community Foundation	WA Community Foundation Business Plan	10,000
RAIA	RAIA Postcards	65,000

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2003-04		
Role Models WA Inc	Role Models WA visit of elite sportspeople to remote Indigenous communities in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions	60,000
Shire of Halls Creek	Consultancy to deliver municipal services to Indigenous Communities	15,000
2004-05		
DLGRD	Regional Achievers and Community of the Year Awards 2005	22,000
TOTAL		397,000

(3) The Western Australian Regional Initiatives Scheme (WARIS) successful applicants:

SUCCESSFUL WARIS APPLICANTS (Round 1) 2001/2002			
	Applicant	Project Description	Amount of Funding (ex GST)
1.	Barking Gecko Theatre Company	Web Life – an interactive on-line script-writing project for young people in regional WA	\$9,920.00
2.	Broome Aboriginal Media	Digital Network (PAKNET)	\$90,000.00
3.	Country Arts WA	Boundless - contemporary art from country WA	\$48,000.00
4.	Craftwest Centre for Contemporary Craft	Designing Futures - fine wood and timber furniture industry development	\$90,000.00
5.	General Practice Divisions of WA	Building Capacity in Regional Communities	\$120,000.00
6.	Great Southern Development Commission	Coaching Scheme for Inland Non-farm Businesses – mentoring scheme for non-farm small business	\$37,500.00
7.	Jobs South West Inc	Youth Outreach Program – a mentoring project	\$55,077.00
8.	Karratha Youth Theatre	Pilbara Loud – skills development program	\$50,000.00
9.	Murdoch University (Environmental Science)	Water management in regional indigenous communities	\$17,120.00
10.	Perth International Arts Festival	Regional Festival Events Program	\$75,000.00
11.	Royal Life Saving Society Australia – WA Branch	Swimming and Water Safety Education Program	\$37,900.00
12.	South West Community Builders Steering Committee	Community Builders Program	\$20,000.00
13.	The Artists Foundation of WA	To provide development skills to indigenous and mainstream artists	\$50,000.00
14.	The West Australian Symphony	Outback 2002 – Kalgoorlie, Esperance, Kimberley	\$21,411.82
15.	University of Western Australia – Centre for Western Australian History	Historical Encyclopaedia of Western Australia	\$90,000.00
16.	West Australian Newspapers Ltd	Realms of Possibility – annual regional magazine	\$99,000.00
17.	West Australian Ballet	50 th Anniversary Outback Tour	\$90,000.00
	TOTAL		\$1,000,928.82

SUCCESSFUL WARIS APPLICANTS – ROUND 2 (2002/2003)			
	Applicant	Project Description	Amount of Funding (Ex GST)
1.	Anglicare	WA Community Foundation – Establishment of legal structure to receive philanthropic donations for income generation	\$150,000.00

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	Applicant	Project Description	Amount of Funding (Ex GST)
		towards community development projects.	
2.	Black Swan Theatre	Community participation and training for 2003 theatre productions in Pilbara, Kimberley and Goldfields-Esperance regions	\$73,650.00
3.	Combined Universities Centre for Rural Health	Design an online training course for the accreditation of enrolled nurses (EN) Certificate IV to be piloted in the Pilbara and Mid West regions	\$75,316.00
4.	Country Arts	“Out There in Focus” – regional youth art promotion and documentation project	\$21,000.00
5.	FTI	“Making Movies Roadshow: filmmaking workshops and screenings of local films in regional locations	\$120,000.00
6.	Gascoyne Development Commission	Outback Resource Atlas (ORA) interrogative database which serves as an investment development guide for WA’s Southern Rangelands (maintenance and promotion)	\$20,000.00
7.	Goolarie Media Enterprises	Business Planning for Indo-Pacific Cultural Festival in the NorthWest	\$20,000.00
8.	GSDC	Noongar Arts Industry Marketing Strategy	\$57,578.00
9.	Greening Australia	Promotion of R&D efforts towards native plant based industry development, including formation of regional industry body	\$65,000.00
10.	GreenSkills	Organic/Biodynamic Industry Development Stage 2	\$60,100.00
11.	Indigenous Festivals of Australia	Croc Festivals (2) to be held in Kalgoorlie and Derby in 2003	\$40,000.00
12.	Mary Moore	WA Wildflowers – Artworks	\$20,000.00
13.	Mid West Development Commission	Gascoyne Murchison Outback Pathways – construction of interpretive sites on tourism pathways proposed for the Gascoyne Murchison	\$40,000.00
14.	Murdoch University	Regional Sustainability Strategy - Pilbara Region Strategy incorporating methodology for application across all regions	\$100,000.00
15.	Shire of Dundas	Dundas Woodlands Discovery Trail – marketing and promotion	\$35,130.00
16.	Southern Aboriginal Corporation	Noongar Business Startup Centre in Bunbury and Albany	\$113,300.00
17.	Trades and Labour Council of WA	Preliminary study of skills needs for Indigenous youth in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions.	\$23,700.00
18.	UWA – Faculty of Architecture	Research into built environment and landscape/cultural mix as a precursor to the Regional Landscape and Built Environment Forum in 2004	\$13,000.00
19.	UWA – Institute for Regional Development	Online communities of support for leadership and governance in Aboriginal communities – Kimberley and Goldfields Esperance regions	\$110,191.50
20.	WACOSS	Regional Community and Leadership Development Program, including training for community service groups on leadership and governance	\$110,180.00
21.	Wine Industry Assoc of WA	Regional Workshops promoting best practice in the Wine Industry	\$15,330.70
	TOTAL		\$1,283,476.20

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	Applicant	Project Description	WARIS Funding (ex GST)
1.	Broome Aboriginal Media Association	Goolarri Family Concert Tour	\$45,000.00
2.	Country Arts	Creative Volunteering – Training Workshops	\$24,000.00
3.	CraftWest	Designing Futures – Marketing Regional Innovation	\$65,800.00
4.	Edith Cowan University	ECU - Institute of Service Professions	\$30,000.00
5.	Freefall Theatre Company	Journeys - Arts and Culture skills exchange program for youth	\$41,246.70
6.	Heritage Council of WA	Regional Heritage Tourism Strategy	\$65,026.00
7.	Indigenous Community Volunteers - WA	Indigenous Community Volunteers - WA	\$64,300.00
8.	Kimberley Development Commission	North West Regions Sustainable Communities and Industries Development Project	\$80,000.00
9.	Mid West Development Commission	Pacific Flora 2004	\$30,000.00
10.	Perth International Arts Festival	PIAF 2004 Regional Program	\$75,000.00
11.	Perth International Arts Festival	PIAF 2005 Regional Activities Program	\$75,000.00
12.	Pilbara Development Commission	Invest in the North West Promotion Officer	\$70,000.00
13.	South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council	Noongar Corporate Governance Toolkit	\$37,614.00
14.	Terra Australis	Baudin Busts in France	\$9,600.00
15.	UWA - IRD	IRD Regional Resource Centre, Albany (\$250,000 over 2 years)	\$250,000.00
16.	WA Ballet	Community, Education and Access Development in Regional WA	\$90,000.00
17.	WA Indigenous Tourism Operators Committee	2004 Australian Indigenous Tourism Conference	\$25,000.00
18.	Department of Housing and Works	Workplace Relations and Recruitment Service (allocated for 2005-06 funding)	\$300,000.00
	TOTAL		\$1,377,586.70

SUCCESSFUL WARIS APPLICANTS (2004/2005)			
	Applicant	Description of Project	WARIS funding (Exc. GST)
1.	Indigenous Festivals of Australia	Croc Fests 2004 & 2005	\$80,000.00
2.	DLGRD	Regional Investment Tours (Pilbara and Wheatbelt)	\$40,000.00
3.	Awards Australia	Regional Achievers Awards 2004	\$20,000.00
4.	LGAs	Young Indigenous Scholarships to Local Government	\$100,000.00
5.	Dept of Sport and Recreation/ DLGRD	Leaders in Sport Conference	\$60,000.00
6.	Dept of Premier & Cabinet	Regional Investment Fund Communications	\$185,000.00
7.	Country Housing Authority	Housing Development Incentive Program	\$1,000,000.00
8.	Wildcats	North West Challenge	\$20,000.00
9.	Buzz Dance Theatre	Buzz Dance North West Tour	\$11,000.00

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10.	DLGRD	Regional Investment Tours - Staff	\$65,000.00
			\$1,581,000.00
	TOTAL WARIS		\$5,242,991.72

- (4) I am unwilling to table the information on unsuccessful applicants for RIFP and WARIS. This type of information has not been provided in Parliament before. Applicants who are successful in receiving funding are aware that there are conditions attached to that funding such as information on their application being made available to Parliament. Unsuccessful applicants are not required to meet these conditions. It would be necessary to obtain permission from each applicant to release the information, which has been provided in confidence for assessment purposes.
- (5) Strategic commitments
- RIFP
Shire of Roebourne, Bulgarra Oval Sports Precinct Recreation Facility, applied to the State Government's Community Sports and Recreation Facilities Fund but was unsuccessful. The application was referred to and subsequently funded under the Regional Infrastructure Funding Program.
- WARIS
Indigenous Festivals of Australia, Croc Fest DLGRD
Awards Australia, Regional Achievers Awards 2004
Department of Sport & Recreation/DLGRD, Leaders in Sport Conference
Department of Premier and Cabinet, RIF Communications
DLGRD, Regional Investment Tours – Staff
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- (6) The total amount of funding allocated from the Regional Investment Fund to date is \$71,489,878.72. This includes two projects allocated for 2005-06 funding – the Bugarrigurra Nyurdany Interpretive Centre - \$750,000 out of RIFP, and the Department of Housing and Works' Workplace Relations and Recruitment Service - \$300,000 out of WARIS.
- (7) The amount remaining for allocation from the original \$75 million under the three schemes, totals \$960,121, detailed as follows -
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| WARIS | \$57,008.28 |
| RIFP | \$27,890 |
| IATFFP | \$1,257 |
| IIPP | \$670,966, and |
| Excess RDS | \$203,000 |
- \$3.6 million will also be available to the nine Regional Development Commissions to allocate in their 2004-05 rounds of RDS.
- (8) These funds will be allocated during 2004-05.