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Voting closes soon for West Coast Fund My Idea

There's only six days left to get your votes in for the West Coast Fund My Idea.

Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock said that anyone wanting to vote for their favourite community project idea to receive funding for up to \$50,000 had until 5.00pm next Monday, February 2.

"There are 23 fantastic ideas on the YourSay website for the public to consider, which represent a broad range of projects vying for the available funding," Mr Brock said.

"This is your opportunity to have your say on which project or projects will be successful. The three projects with the most votes once voting closes will be assessed for funding and an announcement will be made shortly after.

Some projects already funded through the *Fund My Idea* initiative include:

- the recently opened active learning space at St Joseph's School in Renmark
- the upgrade of multi-use sports courts at Loxton
- a performing arts centre catering for children with special needs and the development of family-friendly mountain bike trails in the Adelaide Hills.

"These projects were all ideas generated by local communities, and they benefit the wider community, which is what we aim to achieve with this program," Mr Brock said.

"The '*Fund My Idea*' Country Cabinet Program is part of the \$15 million-a-year enhanced Regional Development Fund.

"\$150,000 is available annually over the four year term of government – \$50,000 for each area hosting a Country Cabinet meeting – for community projects nominated by and voted on by the general public.

"If we haven't made it to your area yet, you haven't missed out – the Country Cabinet Program will be available to council areas across the State over time," Mr Brock said.

To vote for your favourite idea, visit <http://yoursay.sa.gov.au/fundmyidea/west-coast>.
For anyone having difficulty accessing the website, participating councils can assist.