

Minister Geoff Brock

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Regional Development Fund Round 3 closing this week

Applications for the third round of the State Government's Regional Development Fund will close on Friday.

Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock said up to \$5 million was being made available in Round Three to specifically support projects which will create jobs and drive economic growth in the Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback area.

"This targeted assistance recognises the real challenges the area is facing due to the downturn in the resources sector and the closure of the Port Augusta power stations and Leigh Creek coal mine by Alinta Energy," Mr Brock said.

"In addition to the RDF support, a new \$2 million small grants Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback Futures Program is also being made available exclusively for the area.

"Applications for this program close Friday 26 February."

Mr Brock said the \$15 million a year Regional Development Fund is generating significant outcomes for the State by supporting economic growth and creating regional jobs.

"The RDF helps fund regional projects and critical community infrastructure that create sustainable economic benefits and support the State Government's Economic Plan.

"This funding has a positive impact on our regional communities by creating new local jobs and income, as well as providing opportunities for support and other regional services.

"We believe there are many great projects under development across the State which fit the criteria for the Regional Development Fund," Mr Brock said.

"The strong response to the first two rounds indicates there are companies and individuals in our regions prepared to commit to developing new and innovative projects and the RDF may be able to assist them.

"Now is the time to put applications forward and they will be considered for funding in the coming months."

Visit www.pir.sa.gov.au/rdf for more information and application details.

Applications will be accepted until 5:00pm Friday 15 January 2016.