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Funding on offer for waste reduction projects

- **Community groups encouraged to apply for funding**
- **Up to \$20,000 available for eligible individual projects**

Funding applications for Round 1 of the State Government's 2017 Community Grants Scheme, administered by the Waste Authority, are now open.

Under the scheme, eligible applicants can apply for funding of up to \$20,000 for projects aimed at reducing waste, recovering resources and minimising environmental impacts.

Since the Community Grants Scheme began in 2004, grants totalling \$1.57 million have been provided to more than 170 Western Australian community groups.

Waste Authority Chairman Marcus Geisler said the scheme encouraged community groups to make a difference by reducing the impacts of waste on the environment.

"This initiative supports community-focused projects and will help achieve the State's Waste Strategy target of diverting 65 per cent of metropolitan waste from landfill by 2020," he said.

"Effective waste management is everyone's responsibility and I encourage community groups to apply."

Projects previously funded by the scheme include the construction of a composting facility to improve green waste recycling, waste education workshops, and waste and recycling activities including market days, workshops and festivals.

The Community Grants Scheme, which offers funding twice a year, is supported by the Waste Authority through the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account.

Applications for Round 1 funding close at 12pm on Friday 24 February 2017.

- **In November 2016, \$96,247 was awarded to 12 WA community groups in the scheme's latest round of funding.**
- **Find out more on the Waste Authority's website at www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/programs/grants/community-grants-scheme.**

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