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CAN WA receives \$330,000 in funds through Royalties for Regions grant scheme

Community Arts Network WA has been awarded \$330,000 through the Royalties for Regions Regional Grant Scheme, one of three new funds created to distribute the equivalent of 25 per cent of the State's annual mining and onshore petroleum royalties.

Managing the grant scheme for the Wheatbelt region, the Wheatbelt Development Commission approved a grant application from CAN WA for a Southern Wheatbelt Cultural Development Program. The program will see a comprehensive cultural and arts development program delivered over a three-year period in the Southern Wheatbelt area.

"This is an exciting and challenging opportunity for CAN WA to continue the community cultural development work we have successfully undertaken in past three years in the Eastern Wheatbelt." said Pilar Kasat, CAN WA's Managing Director.

"We've had a great response from the Southern Wheatbelt communities to our proposal for a comprehensive community engagement program through arts and cultural activity. Our practice has proven a non-threatening and positive way of engaging and fostering positive relations with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people." she said.

CAN WA's work in the Eastern Wheatbelt has recently been launched in our *VOICES of the Wheatbelt* photography publication. Copies are available from our office and on our website.

For a full list of successful Regional Grant Scheme applicants, visit the following link:

<http://www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/RegionDev/RforR/RGS.asp>

Community Arts Network WA is the peak body for community arts and cultural development in Western Australia. We facilitate arts and cultural programs for community wellbeing. Our vision is for a future where culture, creativity and the arts are known to be essential for community wellbeing and are at the core of a just, diverse and resilient society.

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