



HERE TO HELP: Leah Meade, left, and Robyn Alexander encourage groups to apply for South West Community Foundation grants. Grant applications for up to \$5000 close on March 6.

Foundation grants make a difference

The South West Community Foundation Grants Program is now open and community groups within the Colac Otway Shire can apply for funding.

The grants of up to \$5000 are for projects that build community capacity.

South West Community Foundation Colac Sub Fund chairwoman Robyn Alexander said "the grant program aims to make a difference and support the ongoing needs of our local community".

"We provide this support through funds that are donated to us by the community which are then invested.

"These funds keep growing and

generating income that is then given back to the community."

"In other words, local money for local needs.

"The Geelong Give Where You Live Foundation which is now active in the Colac region are able to fund larger projects and programs like their recently announced employment support program."

"Our foundation continues to support smaller projects, worth up to \$5000.

"So our roles in Colac are comfortably complimentary."

The foundation has granted about \$73,000 to the Colac region since it began in 2007.

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