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Rock Festival celebrates funding win

The inconvenience of distance will not be an issue for students wishing to attend *Rock Festival* later this year, thanks to much needed funding from the Goldfield Esperance Community Foundation.

Rock Festival, hosted by Goldfield Education Mining Industry Alliance (GEMIA), engages and informs young people about science and mining activities.

Goldfield Esperance Community Foundation awarded GEMIA a \$2,200 grant this month to provide travel assistance for students living in remote WA and wishing to travel to *Rock Festival*.

This announcement comes after a number of local families have already received back-to-school relief thanks to funds provided by the Goldfield Esperance Community Foundation, as part of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal's initiative earlier in the year.

Commenting on how the grant would affect the community, Goldfield Esperance Community Foundation spokesperson, Robert Hicks said it would have a long-term, far-reaching impact.

"Community events like *Rock Festival* are vital to our region's development. Inspiring and educating youth about science will ultimately build a stronger, sustainable workforce in the Goldfields region."

"Providing remote students greater access to educational opportunities is just invaluable. It's a breath of fresh air for the Goldfields region," Mr Hicks said.

The Goldfield Esperance Community Foundation is part of the Western Australian Community Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation that has recently approved a total of \$1.7 million of grants to local communities across regional and remote WA, who applied for financial support for grass-roots initiatives in their community.

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