



Energy Efficient Communities Program— Business stream

The Energy Efficient Communities Program will deliver \$50 million of grants to assist businesses and community organisations to improve energy efficiency practices and technologies and better manage energy consumption to reduce their power bills. This measure will deliver up to 3 million tonnes of abatement to 2030.

Funding will support activities to help businesses save energy through:

- equipment upgrades that reduce energy consumption, excluding energy generation equipment such as solar photovoltaic panels
- investment in energy and emissions monitoring and management systems to better manage energy use
- completion of energy systems assessments according to Australian Standard AS/NZS 3598 2014 or feasibility studies to investigate energy efficiency opportunities.

Who can apply for funding?

Grants to businesses will be made available in two categories:

- small businesses turning over less than \$10 million per year
- businesses that consume large amounts (over 0.05 petajoules) of energy each year.

Ten million dollars of the grants will be allocated for dairy farm businesses that fall into either of the above categories.

Definitions of the businesses that can seek funding will be refined during program design. Stakeholder consultation on business grant program design will occur in August 2019.

When do applications open?

Eligible businesses will be able to apply for grants in early 2020.

How can I apply?

Details about how businesses should apply will be made available from late 2019. If your organisation lodged an expression of interest with your local Member of Parliament, you will still need to submit a grant application when the program opens.

What criteria will be applied in assessing applications?

Grants will be made available to eligible applicants on a first come, first served basis. Eligibility criteria will be refined during program design.

Will there be a cap per applicant?

Yes, depending on the type of applicant:

- small businesses: \$20 000
- businesses that consume large amounts of energy each year: \$25 000.

Will I have to make a co-contribution?

Businesses applying through the large energy consumer category (over 0.05 petajoules per year) will have to contribute one applicant dollar to each government dollar.

Businesses applying through the small business category will not have to make a co-contribution.

Contact us

If you'd like to know more about the Energy Efficient Communities Program, please contact us at EECProgram@environment.gov.au.



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