



Energy Efficient Communities Program— Community organisations 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 community organisations save energy through:

- equipment upgrades that reduce energy consumption, including energy generation and storage projects (for example solar photovoltaic panels, batteries and solar hot water)
- completion of energy systems assessments according to Australian Standard AS/NZS 3598 2014 to investigate energy savings opportunities.

When do applications open?

Grant applications to fund energy generation and storage projects for eligible community organisations will open in October 2019. Grant applications for other equipment upgrades and energy audits will open by early 2020.

Grants will be made available to eligible applicants on a first come, first served basis.

What community organisations are eligible?

Community organisations that are incorporated not-for-profits will be eligible, including Men's Sheds, community owned kindergartens, welfare centres, community centres, women's associations, community owned childcare centres, community football and netball clubs, Scout and Guide groups, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community groups and surf lifesaving clubs.

Country Fire Authorities and Rural Fire Services will also be eligible.

How can I apply?

Details about how community organisations can apply will be made available from September 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.



Will there be a cap per applicant?

Community organisations can apply for up to \$12 500, in accordance with the program guidelines that should be available in September 2019.

Will I have to make a co-contribution?

Community organisations will not be required 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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