



COMMUNITY ENERGY EFFICIENCY *program*

FACT SHEET

smarter energy use for a clean energy future

The Australian Government is committed to promoting energy efficiency.

Smarter energy use will help Australia move towards a clean energy future. That is why the Australian Government has designed a package of programs in consultation with stakeholders to ensure they best address the barriers to investment in energy efficiency.

The Australian Government has established the \$200 million Community Energy Efficiency Program to work with councils and community organisations to implement energy efficiency measures across diverse local communities.

OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAM

The Community Energy Efficiency Program will co-invest \$200 million to support local councils and community organisations to improve the energy efficiency of non-residential council and community buildings, facilities and lighting. The program will demonstrate and encourage smarter energy use.

As well, the program will:

- improve the energy efficiency of buildings and community facilities
- encourage better use of energy and energy savings
- build the capacity of the energy services sector and support competitive Australian manufacturers
- contribute to the national effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



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The grants will be valued between \$20,000 and \$5 million. Recognising the shared responsibility and benefits, grant recipients will need to match Commonwealth funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

Community organisations with smaller projects will have access to a lower minimum grant amount of \$20,000 whereas larger and metropolitan local governments will have a minimum grant value of \$50,000.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a grant, applicants will need to be either: a local governing body as defined in the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995; or a non-profit organisation constituted as a legal entity for at least 12 months and with public liability insurance to the value of \$10 million, whose primary objective is to assist or service the community.

Eligible organisations may apply as either a single applicant or as part of a group.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR REGIONAL AND RURAL COUNCILS

Special assistance will be made available to regional and rural councils. Small regional and rural councils, and medium-sized regional councils will receive assistance in developing project applications and will also have a lower minimum grant value of either \$20,000 or \$35,000 respectively.

More information on this special assistance can be found in the Program Guidelines.

FUNDING

The Community Energy Efficiency Program is a competitive merit-based grant program with defined funding limits. Only the strongest proposals that most successfully meet the merit criteria will be funded. Applicants will be assessed against four merit criteria: value for money, energy efficiency, demonstration value and project design and management.

KEY DATES

Call for Round One Applications	13 February 2012
Close of Round One Applications	23 March 2012
Assessment of Applications	March–April 2012
Successful grants announced	May 2012

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

For a copy of the Community Energy Efficiency Program Guidelines visit: www.climatechange.gov.au/ceep.

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