



# 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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and Energy Efficiency



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](http://www.climatechange.gov.au/ceep).

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