



LOCAL GOVERNMENT 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.

A key to improving energy efficiency is location action. The Australian Government, recognising its leadership role in supporting local governing authorities in their efforts to improve their energy efficiency has established the Local Government Energy Efficiency Program (LGEEP).

The \$24 Million LGEEP is a non-competitive grant program that will provide targeted assistance to all local governments to install solar and heat pump hot water systems to drive smarter energy use in their buildings and community facilities.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The objective of LGEEP is to support local governing authorities to install energy efficient solar and heat pump hot water systems in their buildings and community facilities, particularly where those authorities are situated in low socio-economic or otherwise disadvantaged areas.

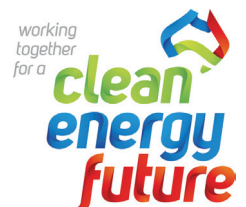
ELIGIBILITY

All local governing authorities across Australia will be eligible for a maximum grant amount according to their size, based on the Australian Classification of Local Governments as issued by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

Additional funding will be available to local governing authorities based on their socio-economic status according to the Socio-Economic Indexes for Australia (SEIFA) 2006 - Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage.



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Local governing authorities will be required to:

- Obtain and provide three or more quotes from different installers and manufactures
- Install systems on owned or long term lease buildings (5 or more years remaining)
- Install systems which attract 10 or more Small-scale Technology Certificates (STCs) at the time of installation
- Co-fund the projects
- Install systems within 12 months of signing funding agreement.

FUNDING

LGEEP is a non-competitive, capped allocation program. Local governing authorities will also be eligible for a maximum grant amount. Local governing authorities that apply for a grant under the program will be required to co-fund the projects.

Local Governing Authority Size	Grant amount minimum-maximum
Small	\$10,000-\$20,000
Medium	\$20,000-\$30,000
Large	\$36,500-\$61,000

These amounts do not include the required co-funding contribution by local governing authorities. Please refer to the Program Guidelines for further information.

Within the maximum grant allocation, small regional and rural local governing authorities will also be eligible to apply for funding to meet project management costs of up to \$1,000.

KEY DATES

21 November 2012	Grant applications open
As applications are received by the Department	Applications reviewed against eligibility criteria
29 April 2013	Grant applications close
12 months following Funding Agreement execution	Approved projects must be completed

Applicants are encouraged to submit their application as soon as it is complete. The Department will assess all applications against eligibility criteria once they are received.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOW SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS

If a local governing authority falls within an area within the lowest half of the SEIFA 2006 – Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage, they will be eligible to apply for additional Commonwealth funding and lower co-funding percentages.

A list of these local governments is included with the Program Guidelines.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

For a copy of the Program Guidelines visit: www.climatechange.gov.au/government/initiatives/lgeep.

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