



Memorandum

To:	All Branches and Clubs
From:	SLSNSW
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Subject:	Grant Opportunity: Powering Communities Program – EOIs commencing from 30 March 2021

The Australian Government Powering Communities Grants commenced opening for EOIs ON 30 MARCH 2021. If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please contact your Federal MP's electorate office ASAP as EOI process will finish BEFORE 1 JULY 2021.

IMPORTANT:

- Community Consultation is a critical element of the program. In consultation with their community, each Federal Member of Parliament (MP) must identify potential applicants and projects in their electorate and **invite them to apply** for a grant. This may be through an EOI or other process.
- **If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please contact your Federal MP's electorate office ASAP.** If you wish to confirm which Federal Government electorate your club/Branch is in, visit electorate.aec.gov.au
- Should your Federal MP be running an EOI or other application process prior to the official close date, and your club or Branch wishes to apply, please contact the Grant Seeking Unit as soon as possible for assistance (contact details below)

Due to the application process mentioned above, this memo is to give clubs sufficient notice to contact their Federal MP. **Following the EOI process, selected applicants will be invited to complete a full submission which will commence from 1 July 2021 until 20 September 2021.**

Key details:

- **Offers \$5,000 to \$12,000** for projects to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, including but not limited to
 - installing solar PV systems and solar-connected batteries
 - CEC-accredited installers and CEC-approved retailers should be used. You can find approved installers and retailers at www.cleanenergycouncil.org.au/consumers/buying-solar/choosing-a-retailer-or-installer
 - replacement of existing systems is not eligible unless you are increasing system size
 - upgrading equipment to reduce energy consumption, e.g. new split system air-cons or controllers for air-con equipment, hot water heaters, new LEDs, efficient induction cooktops, efficient commercial refrigeration.
 - energy audits and monitoring equipment.
- Organisations funded under the Energy Efficient Communities Program ARE NOT eligible to apply to this program.
- Attachments: quote/s; letter of consent from the building or facility owner/manager (if applicable); project plan.
- No co-contribution is required; but applicants must cover costs above the maximum grant amount and any ineligible expenditure. Ineligible expenses include funding to cover the value of the Small-Scale Technology Certificates created for your project; and building modifications to accommodate new equipment.
- A maximum of 12 projects can be funded per Federal Electorate.
- Successful applicants are expected to be advised late 2021. Projects must be completed by 30 June 2022.

Please note this grant has a long time between EOI submission and outcomes being announced; EOIs open March 2021 and outcomes not expected until late 2021. Please consider this in your planning as to these time suits the club's needs.

For more information, visit <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/powering-communities-program>

If you would like the SLSA Grant Seeking Unit (GSU) to assist with the writing and submission of an application, or you have any queries in relation to this funding opportunity, please contact one of the below GSU team members.

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Kind regards
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