

Community Climate Change Action Grants (Tasmania only)

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What this article reported

Funding Details:

Grants are available for community projects that improve information and knowledge about climate change, reduce emissions and build resilience.

Grants of between \$2,000 and \$20,000 are available for Tasmanian-based projects that:

improve information and knowledge about climate change

reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support the transition to a low-emissions economy

build resilience in our communities and local environment to the impacts of a changing climate

There is a total of \$350,000 available.

Who Can Apply:

The following organisations with an existing or ongoing presence in Tasmania can apply:

not-for-profit organisations

incorporated associations

local government authorities

recognised natural resource management bodies

recognised industry peak bodies or organisations

Joint applications are also welcome. You cannot apply for the grant as an individual, but you can partner with an eligible organisation to deliver a project.

Eligibility Criteria:

Project must start before 30 Apr 2025 and must be completed by 31 Dec 2026

You must have appropriate insurance

The assessment of the application will be based on the following four key criteria:

1. Alignment with program objectives (40%)
2. Capacity and capability to deliver the project (30%)
3. Community benefits (20%)
4. Broader benefits for Tasmania (10%)

Note: The grant payment will be transferred to the nominated bank account of the organisation.

How to use this information now

Before relying on a grant, confirm the current round, applicant and project eligibility, eligible expenditure, co-contribution, assessment process, closing date and evidence obligations. Build the technical case so the project remains understandable with grant support shown separately.

Separate source-reported facts from forecasts, targets and commentary. For a current project, retain the official source, version, effective date, assumptions and decision record in the evidence file.

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What types of climate action projects are eligible for Community Climate Change Action Grants in Tasmania?

Eligible projects must improve information and knowledge about climate change, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support transition to a low-emissions economy, or build resilience in communities and local environments to climate impacts. Projects can span sectors including energy efficiency, renewable energy, waste reduction, water management and ecosystem protection. We assist organizations by developing project briefs, conducting feasibility assessments, and identifying energy or emissions reduction opportunities that align with grant objectives. Early technical assessment helps clarify project scope, quantify potential greenhouse gas reductions, and strengthen funding applications by demonstrating realistic implementation pathways and measurable outcomes.

Who can apply for Community Climate Change Action Grants and what eligibility requirements apply?

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations, incorporated associations, local government authorities, recognized natural resource management bodies, and recognized industry peak bodies operating in Tasmania. Joint applications are welcome. Individuals cannot apply directly but may partner with eligible organizations. Applicants must have existing or ongoing presence in Tasmania and maintain appropriate insurance. We work with eligible organizations to develop competitive applications by conducting energy assessments, establishing baseline emissions data, and documenting implementation capacity. This technical foundation strengthens grant competitiveness by demonstrating organizational capability to deliver measurable climate outcomes within project timelines.

What are the funding amounts and total program budget for these grants?

Individual grants range from \$2,000 to \$20,000 for Tasmanian-based projects, with a total program budget of \$350,000 available. This funding level suits community-scale climate initiatives, though larger or multi-site projects may require additional financing beyond the grant. Organizations should use funding investigations early to identify whether grant support alone covers project costs or whether other mechanisms—such as environmental certificates, financing, or internal capital—must supplement

the grant. We assist by preparing investment cases that present projects with and without conditional grant support, clarifying the financial viability and implementation timeline under different funding scenarios.

What project timeline requirements must grant recipients meet?

Projects must commence before 30 April 2025 and be completed by 31 December 2026, providing approximately 21 months from the application deadline to project completion. This timeline requires careful planning to secure approvals, procure equipment, conduct implementation, and verify outcomes within the permitted window. Starting before the April deadline is essential; delays can jeopardize eligibility. We support timeline management by developing detailed project briefs, identifying measurement and verification needs, and establishing commissioning schedules that allow sufficient time for post-installation performance assessment. Early scoping prevents common delays and ensures evidence gathering occurs during the active project period.

How are Community Climate Change Action Grant applications assessed and what criteria matter most?

Applications are evaluated on four weighted criteria: alignment with program objectives (40%), organizational capacity and capability to deliver (30%), community benefits (20%), and broader benefits for Tasmania (10%). The 40% weight on alignment means projects must clearly demonstrate how they reduce emissions, build climate knowledge, or enhance resilience. Strong applications quantify expected outcomes and connect them to program goals. We strengthen competitive submissions by conducting technical assessments that establish baseline conditions, project boundaries, and realistic greenhouse gas reduction estimates. This evidence-based approach directly supports alignment scoring and demonstrates genuine delivery capacity rather than aspirational claims.

What role can measurement and verification play in demonstrating grant project outcomes?

Measurement and verification establishes credible evidence that projects achieved their stated emissions reductions or other climate benefits. Grant programs increasingly require documented outcomes; planning M&V; approaches during project design—not after completion—ensures appropriate baseline data, metering, and monitoring are in place. We provide M&V; services including project-boundary selection, baseline modelling, and post-commissioning savings calculation. This structured approach allows grant recipients to transparently report actual performance to funding bodies, supporting accountability and strengthening the organization's track record for future funding applications.

How can Northmore Gordon help organizations develop competitive Community Climate Change Action Grant applications?

We support competitive applications through energy assessments, feasibility studies, carbon advisory services, and investment case development. Initial diagnostics clarify project scope, quantify potential emissions reductions, and identify implementation dependencies. For organizations with energy or emissions reduction projects, we conduct audits, analyze funding pathways, and develop business cases that demonstrate both climate impact and financial viability. These technical foundations strengthen grant alignment scoring by documenting realistic baselines, clearly stated assumptions, and practical implementation plans. Organizations can then present confident project briefs supported by professional assessment rather than conceptual proposals.

What should organizations prepare before submitting a Community Climate Change Action Grant application?

Organizations should prepare a project brief documenting the business problem, operational requirements, target date, decision owner, site description, available evidence, and requested output. For emissions or energy projects, gather bills, interval data if available, operating records, and any

existing studies. Identify the chronology of related decisions, funding investigations, or prior applications. Establish which framework applies if reporting is required (NGER, NPI, or other). Our project brief guidance supports this preparation. Early evidence assembly and gap identification—before formal application—allows time to collect missing data, conduct necessary assessments, and develop a competitive proposal aligned with grant criteria and timelines.

Are there funding compatibility considerations if a project combines grants with other support mechanisms?

Yes. Organizations should check whether the grant program restricts combined funding, allocation of project costs between sources, or assignment of environmental attributes or outcomes. Grant programs often have specific conditions affecting eligibility if previous assistance, government support, or contractual commitments already exist. We recommend using a funding status register to record the exact program, round, source, date checked, and application status for each potential funding source. Before combining support streams, verify restrictions and confirm cost allocation across mechanisms. This approach prevents conflicts, ensures compliance with each program's terms, and maintains the organization's eligibility for grant approval and payment.

What ongoing support or reporting obligations typically follow Community Climate Change Action Grant approval?

Grant recipients must typically deliver agreed project outcomes, maintain appropriate insurance throughout implementation, and provide performance or impact reporting to funding bodies. Completing projects by the 31 December 2026 deadline and documenting results supports accountability and strengthens organizational credibility for future applications. We assist through energy management system development, performance monitoring, and reporting support. Post-implementation tracking ensures outcomes are sustained and documented, translating one-time grant investments into lasting operational improvements. This ongoing attention to performance also generates evidence valuable for communication to stakeholders, future funding applications, and organizational learning about climate impact and cost-effectiveness.