

# Energy Innovation Fund ACT

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### ## Funding program archive

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### ## What this article reported

This program supports the development of the ACT as an export-oriented hub for energy transition innovation and investment.

Application detail:

Applications for all grants are assessed quarterly. Closing dates vary depending on the stream being applied for.

What do you get?

Funding amounts vary.

Who is this for?

ACT business and organisations

### Overview

Funding is available for a broad range of new and emerging technologies and ventures that support the development of the ACT as an export- oriented hub for energy transition innovation and investment

There are 3 streams of funding:

Technology Demonstration Grant - funding between \$50,000 and \$1 million

Policy Challenge Grant - funding between \$20,000 and \$500,000

Innovation Ecosystem Grant - \$30,000 and \$300,000.

Check if you can apply

To be eligible, lead organisations must:

have an Australian business number (ABN)

hold all insurances required by law, including \$10 million public liability insurance and workers compensation

be an ACT based organisation or the majority of the proposed funded activities must occur within the ACT

demonstrate a contribution to the ACT achieving net-zero emissions by 2045

be registered for goods and services (GST) if applicable.

Further eligibility criteria apply depending on the funding stream being applied for.

Check current application status

## 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 is the Energy Innovation Fund ACT and how does it support energy transition projects?

The Energy Innovation Fund ACT is a program supporting ACT businesses and organisations to develop the Australian Capital Territory as an export-oriented hub for energy transition innovation and investment. It provides grants across three streams—Technology Demonstration, Policy Challenge, and Innovation Ecosystem—with funding ranging from \$20,000 to \$1 million. Projects must demonstrate a contribution to the ACT achieving net-zero emissions by 2045. We can help identify suitable projects, manage applications, implement funded work, and deliver measurable results aligned with the fund's innovation and decarbonisation objectives.

### What are the eligibility requirements for applying to the Energy Innovation Fund ACT?

Lead organisations must have an Australian Business Number (ABN), hold all legally required insurance including \$10 million public liability and workers compensation, be ACT-based or conduct the majority of funded activities within the ACT, demonstrate contribution to ACT's net-zero emissions target by 2045, and be registered for GST if applicable. Additional criteria apply depending on the funding stream. We can assess your organisation's eligibility, identify any gaps, and help structure your project to meet specific stream requirements before formal application.

### How should I position an energy efficiency or carbon reduction project for the Energy Innovation Fund ACT?

The fund prioritises innovation and export potential within energy transition. Position your project by linking it to new or emerging technologies, demonstrating scalability beyond a single site, and clearly connecting outcomes to the ACT's net-zero 2045 pathway. Our experience with energy audits, measurement and verification, carbon strategy, and investment cases can help articulate the innovation angle, quantify emissions reductions credibly, and structure a business case that addresses the fund's assessment criteria. Strong evidence of baseline conditions and expected outcomes strengthens competitive applications.

### What funding amounts are available and how do the three grant streams differ?

Three streams offer different grant ranges: Technology Demonstration Grants (\$50,000–\$1 million), Policy Challenge Grants (\$20,000–\$500,000), and Innovation Ecosystem Grants (\$30,000–\$300,000). Technology Demonstration suits hardware or system pilots; Policy Challenge addresses regulatory or

systemic barriers; Innovation Ecosystem supports knowledge-sharing or capability-building. We can help match your project scope, budget, and objectives to the most suitable stream, ensuring your application targets the right funding level and demonstrates alignment with that stream's intended outcomes.

### What role does measurement and verification play in Energy Innovation Fund ACT applications?

Demonstrating credible, measurable outcomes strengthens competitive applications. Measurement and verification establishes baseline conditions, defines the project boundary, calculates savings or emissions reductions transparently, and provides post-implementation evidence of success. Our M&V; services—including project-boundary selection, baseline modelling, and savings calculation—help applicants build robust evidence plans before funding is awarded. Planning M&V; early prevents scope or data gaps that could undermine outcomes reporting after project completion.

### How can I strengthen my investment case for an Energy Innovation Fund ACT application?

A strong investment case shows the business problem, baseline conditions, proposed intervention, capital costs, expected benefits (energy, emissions, operational), and implementation risks. Include scenario analysis comparing outcomes with and without the grant. We build investment cases by synthesising energy audits, financial assessments, and verified eligibility criteria to justify expenditure and demonstrate project viability. Clear assumptions, separate funding lines from operating merit, and transparent risk identification make applications more compelling and increase approval likelihood.

### What should I document about prior funding, certificates, or incentives when applying to the Energy Innovation Fund ACT?

Disclose any existing or planned support—grants, environmental certificates, government programs, or financing—to establish compatibility and avoid double-funding. Check whether previous assistance affects eligibility for new support. Our funding-pathway assessment identifies available incentives, confirms scheme rules do not prevent combining supports, and ensures your application transparently presents the complete funding picture. Early funding investigation clarifies what information to retain and prevents old programme listings from becoming unsupported promises in the investment case.

### How does Northmore Gordon help throughout the Energy Innovation Fund ACT application and delivery process?

We assist by identifying suitable projects aligned with fund criteria, scoping applications with credible technical and financial content, managing the application process, implementing funded work using our energy optimisation, carbon advisory, and environmental certificate capabilities, and delivering verified outcomes. Our six-stage delivery approach—Assess, Build the Case, Capture Value, Deliver, Procure, and Perform—maps directly to fund requirements: evidence of baseline and opportunity, business case, funding pathway optimisation, project implementation, procurement support, and performance reporting.