

Government Grants and Programmes for Energy Projects

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Use programme support to strengthen a sound project

Government grants and programmes can help businesses investigate or implement energy and emissions-reduction projects. Availability, eligibility, funding rounds and evidence requirements change over time. Treat each listing as a dated starting point and confirm the current programme documents before relying on support.

Grant funding, certificate income and operating savings are different value streams. A business case should show the underlying project economics and identify which parts depend on conditional support.

Check timing and evidence early

Define the project, site, applicant and intended outcome.

Check eligibility before committing expenditure or starting installation.

Record application dates, approvals, co-funding and procurement conditions.

Keep the measurement boundary and evidence requirements visible.

Review related government schemes and certificate pathways separately.

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ARENA boosts funding support for industrial decarbonisation

Arena Industrial Energy Transformation Studies Program

Australia Compressed Air (NSW) – Available until 3 July 2020

Carbon Capture Technologies Program – Round 2

Carbon Innovation Grants Program (GIGP) – Western Australia

Carbon Innovation Grants Program – Round 3

Clean Energy Future Fund WA – Round 4

Clean Technology Innovation (CTI) Grant

Cleaner Fuels Program

Commercial Landlords Pilot ACT – Rebates for efficient electric systems upgrade

Community Batteries Funding Round 2.

Community Climate Change Action Grants (Tasmania only)

Community Energy Upgrade Fund Program

Energy Efficient Communities (EEC) Program – Food and Beverage Manufacturing Business Grant

Energy efficiency grants up to \$25,000 to improve practices and technologies for medium-sized businesses

Energy Efficiency Grant (EEG)

Energy Efficiency Grants for Small and Medium Enterprises Round 2

Energy Innovation Fund

Energy Innovation Fund (Round 3) – Date Extended

Energy Innovation Fund ACT

Energy Management Systems (NSW) – Available for first 120 businesses

EnergyTech Market Ready Support (EMRS) 2026

Funding for energy efficiency and electrification upgrades for local governments

Future Made in Australia Innovation Fund

Government Incentive for Decarbonising Industry (GIDI) fund NZ

Green building grant – 2025-26 – Summer round

Heat Pump Feasibility Grant – Date Extended

High Emitting Industries grant

Low Carbon Product Manufacturing Grant (NSW)

Manufacturing Hubs Grant Program (Round 4)

Carbon Innovation Grants Program (Round 2)

Metering and monitoring planning

Metering and Monitoring Planning (NSW)

Metering Plan Implementation Grant (NSW) – Round 2 (Date Extended)

National Industrial Transformation Program

Net Zero Fund – National Reconstruction Fund Corporation (NRFC)

Net Zero Manufacturing Initiative

Net Zero Planning Grant

Net Zero Planning Grant

NSW Energy Performance Services Grant (Date Extended)

NSW Low Emissions Industry Program

NSW Submetering Grant – Round 2 (Date Extended)

Powering the Regions Fund – Industrial Transformation Stream (Round 3)

Powering the Regions Fund – Safeguard Transformation Stream \$600m – Round 1

Powering the Regions Fund – Safeguard Transformation Stream \$50m – Round 2

Powering the Regions Industrial Transformation Stream Program (ITS Program) - \$400m

QLD Sustainability Loan – Primary Producer

Renewable Gas Production Program

E2F – Resource Efficient Design of New Facilities and Major Expansions

E2F – Energy Assessment of existing facilities

E2F – Energy Efficient Technologies

E2F – Implementation of an Energy Management Information System

Singapore Pilots for Energy & Enterprise Decarbonisation (SPEED)

Resource Efficiency Grant for Emissions (REG(E)) – Singapore

SME Industrial Decarbonisation Fund

Solar for Apartment Residents (SoAR) – Boost (NSW)

South East Queensland Innovation Economy Fund (Round 2)

Strengthening NSW Fuel Security through the Investment Delivery Authority – Expression of Interest open now

Submetering Grant NSW

Territory Growth Initiative (NT)

Victorian Energy Upgrades: Game-Changing Update

Water Minister's Climate Innovation Challenge (WMCIC) 2026

Test the programme against the project

Contact Northmore Gordon with the proposed project, site, timing and available evidence to discuss the applicable support pathway.

What should businesses verify before including a grant in their energy project investment case?

Before treating a grant as committed funding, businesses must establish applicant and project eligibility, confirm the current round is open and its deadline, identify eligible expenditure categories, and understand approval and payment conditions. The Australian Government Grants Finder helps discover opportunities by location and purpose, but a page remaining online does not confirm applications are active. We recommend presenting the investment case both with and without conditional grant support, so management understands the decision if funding is delayed, reduced or unavailable. Early funding investigation clarifies what evidence to retain and prevents outdated programme listings from becoming unsupported promises in the business case.

How do grants, certificates and financing differ as funding routes for energy projects?

These are distinct mechanisms requiring separate assessment. Grants require verification of applicant eligibility, project eligibility, round status, deadline, eligible expenditure and approval conditions. Certificates require assessment of activity eligibility, evidence quality, quantity, ownership, and sale terms and price timing. Financing requires evaluation of borrower and project terms, repayment schedules, security, fees and conditions. Combining support streams requires explicit compatibility checking—two incentives with different names cannot be assumed compatible without verifying restrictions in each programme and confirming the allocation of project costs, outcomes and rights. Our funding-pathway assessment service helps identify which mechanisms suit a specific project and

whether they can be combined.

What information should be recorded in a funding status register?

A funding register should capture the exact programme name and round, source URL, date checked, application status (discovered, assessed, applied, conditionally approved, approved or paid), and the next required action. For certificates, distinguish eligible-in-principle from calculated, submitted, issued and sold status. Avoid labelling potential contributions as secured funding. For certificates, an issued unit still requires commercial treatment before it becomes cash received by the project owner. This register prevents confusion between discovered opportunities and confirmed support, and helps coordinate evidence collection across facility teams, installers and finance teams.

Why is project timing important for grant and certificate eligibility?

Project stage matters because different funding schemes have different requirements about when investment commitments or physical work can occur. For ACCU carbon projects, CER's newness guidance identifies certain investment and asset commitments as potentially significant before registration, with method-specific exceptions. Applying before construction is not a universal rule. Separate dates for feasibility approval, final investment decision, purchase commitment, installation, commissioning and normal operation allow advisers to assess whether a project can still meet a chosen programme's requirements. Timing questions should be raised while the project is being scoped, before commitments that may foreclose funding options.

What does Northmore Gordon recommend as a first step for funding investigation?

Prepare a project brief identifying the organisation and site, country and state, decision deadline, existing equipment or problem, and current project stage (proposed, contracted, installed, commissioned or operating). Include available energy history or equipment summary rather than waiting for perfect data. Clearly distinguish estimates from measured information. For certificate projects, disclose previous incentives and who owns the relevant energy-saving or renewable-electricity attributes. We can then scope an appropriate assessment. Early funding investigation is valuable even if no grant is currently suitable: it clarifies what information to retain and prevents unsupported promises in the investment case.

How should a business evaluate whether conditional funding should affect its equipment selection or project timeline?

Present the project with and without conditional contributions, identifying the point at which management would need to revisit the decision if support is delayed, reduced or unavailable. Keep the operating merits of the project visible alongside funding options. A measure can remain worthwhile without a grant or certificate, and conversely, programme eligibility does not establish that equipment is appropriate or economically attractive. Appoint one person to coordinate the evidence file across facility, installer, adviser and finance teams, giving each missing item an owner and deadline. This reduces the risk that a technically sound project loses a funding option because evidence was collected too late.

What is the difference between a headline certificate rebate and the actual customer payment?

A headline rebate amount may represent an indicative gross value, not what the customer actually receives. Before relying on a certificate contribution in an investment case, request the governing activity and document version, main eligibility assumptions, calculation basis, evidence responsibilities and commercial treatment. Ask whether the amount is gross value and what charges apply. For Victorian Energy Upgrades and NSW schemes, show certificate price and quantity assumptions separately from other benefits. Keep engineering savings, scheme-recognised savings, created certificates and customer proceeds as distinct quantities. We recommend confirming whether a quoted amount includes all applicable fees and customer contribution requirements before final equipment selection.

How can Northmore Gordon assist businesses in assessing funding compatibility for multi-site or complex projects?

We offer funding-pathway assessment services to identify available financial mechanisms and incentive pathways for energy projects. Our six-stage delivery approach includes a 'Capture Value' phase specifically addressing grants, environmental certificates and financing options. For multi-site projects (such as regional water utilities with 250+ sites), we conduct organisation-wide energy assessments and develops staged implementation plans that identify funding options for each priority. We also provide carbon advisory services connecting emissions information with investment decisions, and can assess compatibility where projects involve overlapping schemes, building improvements or renewable energy instruments requiring distinct evidence and claim management.