WHAT IS THE ENERGY SAVER GRANTS PROGRAM?

Council recognises that as the level of government closest to the community, it has an obligation to play its part in global efforts to combat climate change. Council has developed an Energy Saver Grants Program.

The Program enables non-for-profit community organisations in the Waratah-Wynyard Local Government area to apply for a 50% co-contribution towards energy saving initiatives that provide financial and environmental benefits.

Applications will be evaluated against the assessment criteria and must meet the grant program eligibility.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the program are to:

- Improve the financial sustainability of community organisations through energy savings and the reduction of power bills
- Build the capacity of community groups to work toward environmental sustainability and reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Increase the uptake of energy efficient technologies
- Improve awareness of the benefits of energy efficiency across the community

AVAILABLE FUNDING

- There is $50 000 available for this grant opportunity.
- The grant amount will be up to 50% of eligible project costs. The applicant must provide a 50% co-contribution (cash and/or in-kind) and must be able to demonstrate that such funds are assured, or the proposed in-kind contribution substantiated.
- The project must be finalised and acquitted by March 31, 2023.
- Organisations are only eligible to submit one application per round.

KEY DATES

Grant applications open	November 1, 2021
Grant applications close	June 30, 2022
Applicants notified	A full list of grant recipients will be listed in the Council agenda
Agreements finalised and projects can commence	Following formal notifications
Project evaluation and acquittal due	March 31, 2023

WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

The following list is an example of projects that may be funded.

- Design, supply and installation of new solar photovoltaic generator systems
- Purchase and installation of new battery systems and battery storage systems
- Purchase and installation of new solar hot water heaters or air source hot water heat pumps
- Purchase and installation of Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting equipment or energy efficient lighting controls
- Design, supply and installation of high efficiency split system air conditioning units
- Energy audits

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Any not-for-profit organisation or community group, physically located within the Waratah-Wynyard Local Government area, that own or lease facilities (including Council facilities). Include a letter of consent from the building or facility owner, if you're not the owner. (Not required if council owned building)
- Non-incorporated groups can be auspiced by a not-for-profit organisation that is incorporated and that is able to accept legal and financial responsibility for the project and its activities

INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

The following will not be funded:

- retrospective funding of any project or activity
- projects conducted outside of the Waratah-Wynyard Council area
- projects that do not support community, recreation and sport activities
- general fundraising appeals
- projects that do not have the consent of the facility owner
- residential buildings including caretaker residences
- organisations with outstanding debts or overdue, unacquitted grants with Council
- activities which have been assessed by Waratah-Wynyard Council as presenting an unacceptable risk and do not comply with current COVID-19 health and government requirements, advice and guidelines.
- general operating expenses e.g. electricity, lease/rent payments, telephone bills, that are part of the ongoing expenses of the applicant organisation
- staff costs or salaries where staff are involved in project delivery.
- projects that require ongoing funding unless the source of the ongoing funding is assured.

HOW ARE THE APPLICATIONS ASSESSED?

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. Project Details
2. How does the project support one or more of the program objectives?
3. Explain how your organisation will fund 50% of the project (cash or in-kind)?
4. Complete a project budget that is comprehensive, realistic and provides value for money

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications forms are available at address https://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/get-involved/community-grants/
- Applications are accepted via email council@warwyn.tas.gov.au or in person by delivering to Council at 21 Saunders Street, Wynyard.
- Council reserves the right to request further information in considering any application as well as the right to reject any application that does not meet the criteria.
- Grants are a competitive process and applications that are eligible and meet the assessment criteria are not guaranteed funding.
- In some cases, successful applicants may receive a percentage of the total sought, rather than the full amount of funding requested. If your project cannot proceed without full funding, this should be indicated in your application.
- All decisions of Waratah-Wynyard Council are final and non-negotiable.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

You will receive a formal approval letter and a Funding Agreement. The Funding Agreement will include terms and conditions of the grant, any special conditions that have been attached to your grant and GST information. You will need to complete, sign and return the Funding Agreement before any funding will be released.

All successful applicants are required to provide an acquittal of the funds allocated. Project acquittals must include photographs and a copy of promotional materials, news articles and the like, where applicable, along with a written evaluation of the project. Applicants should use Waratah-Wynyard Council's Grant Acquittal Template.

Successful applicants must complete the project and acquit the grant by March 31, 2023.

Applicants who do not complete and return an acquittal report by the dates agreed in their funding agreement may be ineligible for any future funding.

Waratah-Wynyard Council will require all successful recipients to publicly acknowledge the Waratah-Wynyard Council as supporter of the activity / project.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In addition to the completed application form, the following must be provided with the application:

- a copy of your organisation's ABN or Certificate of Incorporation or confirmation of support by an auspicing organisation; and
- a copy of your organisation's public liability insurance certificate or a written quotation for public liability insurance cover for $20 million.

Offer of funds by Council in no way implies any ongoing funding commitment or obligation by Waratah-Wynyard Council.

Understand that the organisation is responsible for any further works or repairs at the premises which arise as a result of the project

Organisation and proposed activity must comply with all COVID-19 government and health requirements, advice, and guidelines. Please refer to the Tasmanian Government Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) web sites for current advice https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/.

Awarding of grant funding does not imply that Waratah-Wynyard Council has given any other consent. Applicants should note that many activities require approvals and consent from Waratah-Wynyard Council, Tasmania Police, and/or other state government agencies and that the organisations are wholly responsible for obtaining such approvals.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)

- It is strongly recommended that applicants seek independent legal and financial advice to determine all taxation obligations before submitting an application.
- If an organisation's annual turnover is greater than $150,000 (non-profit organisations) they are required by the Australian Tax Office to be registered for the GST (source: www.ato.gov.au).
- Successful applicants who are registered for GST will have their grant grossed up by 10% to offset the GST payable on the grant. Organisations that are not registered for the GST will not have their grant grossed up.
- If successful, organisations cannot have their Grant Agreement transferred to another body on the basis of GST registration.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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