



# Energy Resilience, Efficiency and Economy

As part of the Service Maintenance Program, organisations may wish to consider activities to improve energy efficiency and resilience and reduce energy costs.

## Who is eligible to apply for funding?

To be eligible, organisations must:

- be an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service;
- currently deliver primary health care; and
- be listed at Appendix A of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

Eligible organisations are also able to apply on behalf of a subsidiary and/or auspiced organisation/s, provided the auspiced organisation is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service currently delivering primary health care.

To be considered, your grant activity must be for a project(s) that delivers safe, accessible, and fit-for-purpose clinics and/or clinical staff housing.

## Why does energy efficiency and resilience matter?

There are many benefits to improving the energy efficiency and resilience of your clinic and/or clinical staff housing. These may include:

- reducing energy bills;
- improving the comfort and health of building occupants;
- improving energy security; and
- reducing the risk of blackouts.

## What can the funding be used for?

Activities that improve energy resilience, efficiency and economy are eligible under this grant opportunity. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, the installation of:

- thermal insulation;
- high efficiency glazing;
- solar panels;
- battery storage systems;
- power generators as a back up to renewable energy sources; and
- high efficiency cooling/heating systems, including new high efficiency split system air conditioning units to replace lower efficiency air conditioning units.

You must ensure that the work carried out, where appropriate, is undertaken by licensed or properly qualified persons. You must also ensure that works carried out are fit for purpose and comply with the regulatory requirements of the relevant state and territory and local governments.

## Who should I ask for advice about my clinic's requirements?

This will depend on the scope and complexity of the work being undertaken. For simple projects, such as replacement of existing air conditioning units in a small building this may only require a local contractor.

For more complex energy efficiency focused remodelling or retrofit projects, you may need to engage one or more of the following professionals:

- project manager;
- architect;
- structural engineer; or
- building services engineer.

## How can I apply for funding?

Application documents are available on [GrantConnect](#).

Before applying, applicants must read and understand the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, the Application Form and the sample grant agreement.

To apply, applicants must:

- complete the Application Form on [GrantConnect](#);
- provide all the information requested;
- address all eligibility criteria and assessment criteria;
- include all necessary attachments; and
- submit application by the closing date and time, as specified in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

## Where can I get more information?

You can access more information about energy efficiency at the resources below:

[Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water – Building owners and tenants](#)

[Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water – Commercial buildings](#)  
[Sustainability Victoria - Energy Efficiency in Healthcare Accommodation](#)

If you have any questions about this grant opportunity, please contact the Department of Health and Aged Care [Grant.ATM@health.gov](mailto:Grant.ATM@health.gov)