



Green Building Fund

Fact Sheet

What does it offer?

The *Green Building Fund* aims to reduce the impact of Australia's built environment on green house gas emissions by reducing the energy consumed in the operation of commercial office buildings.

The program will provide \$90 million in grants across four years, from 2008-09 to 2011-12, through two streams of activity.

Stream A

Stream A targets the owners of existing commercial office buildings. It supports retro-fitting and retro-commissioning of these buildings, to reduce base building energy consumption.

Grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000 are available for up to 50% of project costs.

An eligible applicant must be:

- a non tax-exempt body corporate incorporated under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory;
- the owner or part owner of the commercial office building that is the subject of a retro-fitting or retro-commissioning project, or an agent of the owner acting on the owners' behalf;
- able to demonstrate the level of green house gas emissions prior to commencement of the project and the projected savings in green house gas emissions likely to result from the project; and

- able to demonstrate an ability to fund the cost of the project not met by the *Green Building Fund* grant.

Eligible projects could involve:

- common area lighting;
- heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems;
- the building fabric, for example glazing and shading; and
- monitoring equipment, building automation systems, and control systems linked to improving the energy efficiency of the building.

An eligible project must commence after 1 July 2008, and not more than 8 months after a grant application is accepted. It must be completed within two years, and no later than 31 December 2011.

Eligible applications will be assessed in three to four rounds a year, against three *Merit Criteria*:

Potential green house gas emissions reduction (worth 60% of total rating)

This is based on projected reductions in carbon dioxide (equivalent) emitted per annum.

Applications must include a statement from a National Australian Built Environment Rating System (NABERS) assessor, of the green house gas emissions prior to commencement of the project, and likely reductions arising from the project.

Demonstration potential (20% of total rating)

This includes potential to measure and share project outcomes, as well as the application of cost effective new technologies that could be adopted by other building owners.

Further information

For further information about the *Green Building Fund*, visit the AusIndustry website at www.ausindustry.gov.au Click on 'AusIndustry products', and follow the links to *Green Building Fund*. Alternatively, contact the AusIndustry hotline on 13 28 46 or by email at hotline@ausindustry.gov.au



Project design and management (20% of total rating)

This includes the clarity, appropriateness and cost-effectiveness of the project plan, as well as the experience and expertise of the applicant and its contractors and other systems to optimise the project outcomes.

Stream B

Stream B will provide a limited number of grants to develop the knowledge, skills or capability of those involved in the operation of commercial office buildings, to improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions. Grants of up to \$200,000 are available, for up to 50% of project costs.

Eligible projects could include training in specific disciplines, such as HVAC systems, lighting controls, energy monitoring and smart metering. Projects to document learning about energy efficiency in office buildings may also be considered.

Stream B projects must commence on or after 1 July 2008 for Round 1 applications, and on or after 1 July 2009 for Round 2 applications. Projects must not exceed a maximum of twelve months in duration.

An eligible applicant must be:

- a non tax-exempt body corporate or association incorporated under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory of Australia;
- a building related, or other relevant, industry organisation; and
- able to demonstrate an ability to fund the cost of the project not met by the *Green Building Fund* grant.

Applications will be assessed in two annual rounds, against two *Merit Criteria*, of equal weighting:

Potential impact of the proposed project

This would include the level of demand and potential reach and impact of the project, including how it will contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from commercial office buildings. The potential for early realisation of benefits from the project would also be relevant.

Capability of the applicant to deliver a positive outcome

This includes the clarity, appropriateness and cost-effectiveness of the project plan, including the delivery strategy, as well as the experience and expertise of the applicant and its contractors. Evidence of appropriate collaboration between the applicant and other relevant organisations could also be a factor.

How do I apply?

Applicants to both Stream A and Stream B must compete on merit for limited funds.

Applicants must complete an application in the form provided by AusIndustry, and submit it to an application round (closing dates will be published on the AusIndustry web site). A separate form is provided for each of Stream A and Stream B.

Customer Information Guides for [Stream A](#) and [Stream B](#) are available and have detailed information about the application process.

What will I be asked to do if I am successful?

Successful applicants to both Stream A and Stream B will be required to enter into a Deed of Agreement with the Commonwealth. This will set out the rights and obligations of both parties, including reporting, record keeping and payment.

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