

Energy Efficiency Program - Round 3

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Program Guidelines

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About the Aboriginal Housing Office

Who we are:

The Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) is a statutory body established under the [Aboriginal Housing Act 1998 \(NSW\)](#) to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have access to affordable, quality housing.

The AHO is governed by an all-Aboriginal Board, which provides advice to the Minister for Housing in NSW. In addition, the AHO manages and coordinates an annual capital works program, along with developing and implementing financial and resourcing strategies.

It is the AHO's Vision to ensure every Aboriginal person in NSW has equal access to, and choice in, affordable housing. The AHO achieves this vision by ensuring they continue to provide support to a sustainable housing sector through accessible, culturally appropriate and affordable housing solutions for the Aboriginal people of NSW.

In line with this Vision, the AHO is pleased to offer this funding grant opportunity to the Aboriginal housing sector of New South Wales.

Energy Efficiency Funding Program Overview

The AHO received funding in January 2024 through the Social Housing Energy Performance Initiative (SHEPI) to deliver an overarching co-funded Energy Efficiency Program worth \$12 million. A total of \$6 million has been approved for co-contribution funds to extend the Aboriginal Community Housing Provider (ACHP) Energy Efficiency Program.

The AHO will allocate \$4.5m of this funding to Aboriginal Community Housing Providers (ACHPs) through Round 3 of the Energy Efficiency Grant Funding Program. The Energy Efficiency Grant applications may fund up to a maximum of \$250,000 per Provider, to ease the cost-of-living pressures, whilst improving living conditions with improved heating and cooling options.

The Energy Efficiency Program may consist of but not limited to:

- Supply and install new Solar Panel PV systems;
- Supply and install solar hot water systems and heat pumps; and
- Supply and install air-conditioning split systems and ceiling fans.

The AHO has delivered similar projects for AHO housing / tenants with achieved benefits including improved living conditions and the reduction in the cost-of-living pressure due to Solar PV installation and other thermal programs. The AHO sees a clear gap with tenants living in Aboriginal Community owned homes who may have missed out on these improved living conditions due to the limited funding opportunities. This funding is looking to partly address this gap.

'Community owned' being Assets owned by Aboriginal Housing Providers including Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALC's), Aboriginal Corporations (AC's) and Aboriginal Community Housing Providers (ACHP's).

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'Providers' means NRSCH or NSWLS registered Aboriginal Community Housing Providers (ACHPs), AHO registered Aboriginal Community Housing Organisations (ACHOs) or Aboriginal Organisations who are not yet registered (but will need to apply and be approved for transitional registration with the AHO for the duration of the program).

Objectives for the Energy Efficiency Funding Program

The objectives for this funding program is outlined below:

- To identify a suite of eligible properties that will benefit from the upgrade of energy related assets including solar upgrades and temperature control upgrades (air conditioning) with delivery to be managed by the relevant Providers
- To increase the value of Provider properties and reduce ongoing maintenance requirements related to aged or unsuitable heating and cooling options
- To reduce the operating costs of Provider properties by completing a works program that aims to reduce electricity costs through the implementation of solar power options.
- To increase environmentally sustainable solutions in Provider properties by delivering a works program that considers a reduction of costs of living for heating and cooling (implementation of solar).
- Spread funding across suitable Providers with a maximum allocation per application capped at \$250k
- To manage a fair, transparent and auditable process in the identification of suitable properties and the allocation of funding.

Eligibility Criteria

Assets must meet the eligibility criteria and the project criteria for expenditure to be considered eligible under the funding program, including:

- Respondents must be a NRSCH or NSWLS registered Aboriginal Community Housing Provider (ACHP), an AHO registered Aboriginal Community Housing Organisation (ACHO), or Aboriginal Organisations who are not yet registered but will apply and be approved for transitional registration with the AHO for the duration of the program.
- Assets must be Community owned.
- Property must be in New South Wales.
- A list of affected properties / assets will need to be submitted through the SmartyGrants process to be considered
- Provide sufficient details to meet program requirements through the SmartyGrants process to assist to determine eligibility.

Instructions for Applicants

Before completing this application form, you should have read the program guidelines and conditions of application. Incomplete applications and / or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Application Number

This field is read only.

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The identification number or code for this submission.

Disclaimer

The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- submission of this application does not guarantee funding will be granted for any project, and the Department expressly reserves its right to accept or reject this application at its discretion;
- it must bear the costs of preparing and submitting this application and the Department does not accept any liability for such costs, whether or not this application is ultimately accepted or rejected; and
- it has read the Funding Guidelines and Conditions of Application for the Program and has fully informed itself of the relevant program requirements.

Use of Information

By submitting this application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- if this project application is successful, the relevant details of the project will be made public, including details such as the names of the organisation (Applicant) and any partnering organisation (state government agency or non-government organisation), project title, project description, location, anticipated time for completion and amount awarded;
- the Department will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any information received in or in respect of this application which is clearly marked 'Commercial-in-confidence' or 'Confidential' is treated as confidential, however, such documents will remain subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act); and
- in some circumstances the Department may release information contained in this application form and other relevant information in relation to this application in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

Privacy Notice

By submitting this Application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- the Department is required to comply with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) (the Privacy Act) and that any personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) collected by the Department in relation to the program will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act and its privacy policy (available at: <https://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/privacy>);
- the information it provides to the Department in connection with this application will be collected and stored on a database and will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected (including, where necessary, being disclosed to other Government agencies in connection with the assessment of the merits of an application) or as otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act;
- it has taken steps to ensure that any person whose personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) is included in this application has consented to the fact that the Department and other Government agencies may be supplied with that personal

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information, and has been made aware of the purposes for which it has been collected and may be used.

Eligibility Confirmation

Please declare this application meets the Program eligibility criteria:

- It has been prepared by and is being submitted by an eligible applicant
- Project applications are specific to properties located in NSW
- Approved projects can only commence after executing a Funding Deed
- Applicants will notify the AHO if grant funding is secured from another source

I can confirm the applicant and project is eligible according to the criteria outlined in the Program Guidelines and Conditions of Application *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Applicant Details

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Organisation Details

Organisation Name *

Organisation Name

Please use the organisation's full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

Organisation ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

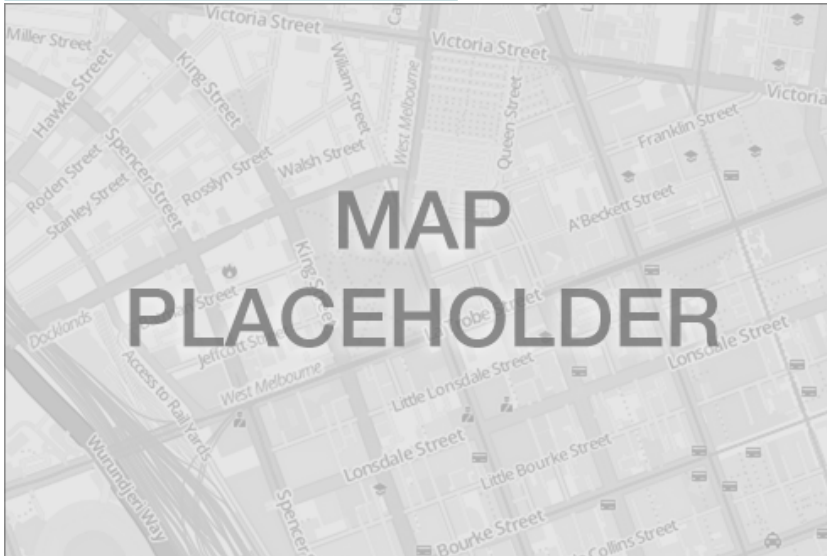
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Must be an ABN.

Office Address *

Address



Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required. Country must be Australia and must be located in New South Wales

Postal Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required. Country must be Australia

Office Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Office Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Website

Must be a URL.

Primary Contact Details

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Primary Contact *

First Name

Last Name

This is the person we will correspond with about this grant

Primary Contact Position *

Primary Contact Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Primary Contact Email *

Must be an email address.

Secondary Contact Details

Secondary Contact *

First Name

Last Name

This is the person we will contact if Primary is unavailable

Secondary Contact Position *

Secondary Contact Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Secondary Contact Email *

Must be an email address.

Eligibility Criteria

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Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must provide responses and evidence to meet the following eligibility criteria:

The applicants organisation is registered ACHP through the National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH) or Local Scheme (NSWLS). *

- ☐ NRSCH Registered
- ☐ NSWLS Registered

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☐ None of the above

Is your organisation an AHO registered Aboriginal Community Housing Organisation? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If registered please complete the following table.

Registration Type	Registration Number	Registration Expiry Date
		Must be a date.

Is your organisation applying for Transitional Registration for the duration of the project? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Transitional Registration

If you are not registered you will need to complete the [AHO Register, New Entrants Form - Transitional Registration](#) form and attach to be considered for funding

Please attach the completed Transitional Registration Form *

Attach a file:

Experience and Capability

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Has your organisation previously been awarded funding through Round 1 and / or Round 2 of the Energy Efficiency Program? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Are you currently or have you successfully completed property upgrade projects to your property profile through government grants? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Please provide a description of works completed including:

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Name of Government Agency	Project Description	Value of Works	Were milestone(s) met and budget(s) achieved?	Who managed the project and contractors onsite?	Are you able to provide evidence or reference / referee from government agency?
Please repeat response, where you have completed more than one project.		Must be a dollar amount.	Please detail why they were / were not met.		

Where you have not previously or currently completing government grant projects, please provide details of where you have successfully completed property repair or upgrade projects to your property profile.

Project Description	Value of Works	Start Date	End Date	Who managed the project and contractors onsite?
If you have not previously completed any repair or upgrade projects please enter "Not Applicable".	Must be a dollar amount.	Must be a date.	Must be a date.	

Do you have access to internal / external project management / delivery resources to implement and deliver Energy Efficiency works if successful including managing contractors, conducting mandatory site visits and meeting AHO reporting requirements? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Please provide details of relationship (employed / subcontractor), names, qualifications and experience of the delivery team?

Delivery Team Member Name	Detail of Relationship	Qualifications	Previous Experience
One per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional delivery team members.			

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Do you require a project management fee to manage the project? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If 'yes' how will this be managed?

Energy Efficiency Property Details

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How many properties does your organisation have in its portfolio? *

Must be a number.

Energy Efficiency Property Details

To complete this section the Applicant must download, complete and attach the [Returnable Schedule - Energy Efficiency Property Details](#) spreadsheet.

Please ensure you read through the instructions and notes at the top of the spreadsheet to help you enter the correct and necessary information and data.

Upload completed Returnable Schedule - Energy Efficiency Property Details *

Attach a file:

Declaration

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Authorised Individual

By signing this form, the Applicant acknowledges that the information and responses provided within the Application are true representations and factual statements. The applicant also confirms they are authorised representatives of the organisation.

Authorised Individual *

First Name

Last Name

Position of Authorised *

Authorised Email address *

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Must be an email address.

Declaration of Information

By ticking this box, you confirm that the information you have provided is true and correct. *

☐ Yes

*AHO may be reaching out to you for further information about your application. Providing false information will lead to the application being deemed ineligible.