

2018 CLEP Guidelines

Introduction

The Clean Energy Program (CLEP) is governed by the Community Enhancement Program (CEP). A copy of the CEP can be downloaded from the GRWF website. It is a detailed document describing the framework that the CLEP and the Community Fund are governed by. It is a complicated process for GRWF to update the CEP document requiring consultation with Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Upper Lachlan Shire Council, community members and the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

The CLEP section of the CEP refers to the CLEP Guidelines (this document). These guidelines can be adjusted by GRWF at any time (although GRWF aims to update them annually). The CLEP Guidelines allow GRWF some flexibility about certain elements of the program, in order to ensure it is operating correctly. They also include some practical advice for applicants.

This document assumes that the reader meets the eligibility requirements of the program. If you are not sure whether you meet these requirements, check the CLEP brochure available on the GRWF website.

Who is the Independent Member of the Energy Committee?

The Independent Member of the Energy Committee is Ian Colley of Make Stuff Happen.

Who is the Energy Efficiency Expert?

GRWF has contracted Trish Campbell from ACTSS as the Energy Efficiency Expert since the CLEP began operation in 2015. Trish is based in Canberra.

Can a Resident Apply for the CLEP on more than one occasion?

At present, the rules are as follows:

An eligible resident can apply for Stage 1 of the CLEP once (Energy Efficiency Package).

An eligible resident can apply for either Stage 2A (Solar Reimbursement Package) or Stage 2B (Home Energy Efficiency Improvement Package) of the CLEP on one occasion. To be clear, one Stage 2 application in total, either for Stage 2A or Stage 2B.

However, if an eligible resident has a house on their property which is rented to others, then they may apply once for their own house and their tenants may apply for the other house. If you think you may be in this situation, please contact us to ensure you are eligible.

GRWF can adjust this document to allow multiple applications to the CLEP. GRWF will assess whether to do this after the popularity of the scheme has been established and not before December 2017. The Target Allocation Value will be updated at the same time.

Target Allocation Value

The Target Allocation Value for 2018 is \$6740.

The Target Allocation Value increases with inflation, according to CPI (Sydney All Groups) with a baseline of Quarter 3 2015, which had a value of 108.6. The baseline Target Allocation Value in 2016 was \$6500. The 2018 value is calculated using the CPI value for Quarter 3 2017, which was 112.5. The Target Allocation Value has been rounded up to the nearest \$10.

The Target Allocation Value will next be updated to account for inflation in January 2019, based on CPI (Sydney All Groups) Quarter 3 data for 2018.

Methods of Application

Please refer to the CLEP Program Brochure which can be downloaded from the GRWF website.

Tips for a successful application

For Stage 1, it is important to ensure you meet the eligibility criteria before you apply. The eligibility criteria are stated on the front page of the Stage 1 Application Form. If you are not sure whether you meet the eligibility criteria, you can contact us for advice. It is important that you fill the application form out completely. At the completion of Stage 1, you will receive an Energy Efficiency Report written by our Energy Efficiency Expert.

For Stage 2 of the program, the Energy Committee considers which applications should be approved. The Energy Committee considers advice from the Energy Efficiency Expert as to whether each Stage 2 application is consistent with the recommendations in the Stage 1 Energy Efficiency Report. To enhance the probability that your application is approved, consider the following points:

1. Ensure you fill out the Stage 2 application form completely.
2. Ensure you and your preferred supplier have reviewed the Funding Agreement.
3. Ensure your application is for \$6740 or less, or that you have opted to 'top up' the \$6740 grant with your own funds (we call this partial funding). The Energy Committee can approve applications of more than \$6740 without partial funding in special circumstances (for example the design of the roof of your house means that an average size hot water system is a more expensive installation price than normal).
4. Ensure you have attached two quotations for the works you are applying for to the application form. Quotations should be itemised, particularly separating the cost of supply and installation.
5. Ensure your quotations for the Solar Reimbursement Package include a STC discount (exceptions may include battery storage systems). STC stands for Small Scale Technology Certificate and is a government rebate scheme for the installation of Solar PV and Solar Hot Water. Your quotations should state the value of the STC discount. If not, please request this from your suppliers.

Further Information

These CLEP guidelines should be read in conjunction with the CEP document.

The CLEP brochure and application forms provide practical information on the CLEP and how to apply.

You can also contact us on the details below:

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