

# Energy Efficiency Fund Initiative

The Energy Efficiency Fund Initiative (EEFI Scheme) provides grant funding to not-for-profit organisations for energy efficiency projects to assist South Australian households facing financial stress.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

Any legal entity which is a not-for-profit organisation with legal capacity can apply for grant funding (Grant) under the EEFI Scheme, providing they are registered with an Australian Business Number (ABN).

## FUNDING

The Essential Services Commission (the Commission) has allocated \$243,750 towards the funding of these projects. As part of the Application, the Applicant is required to specify the amount of funding being applied for and justification for that amount. The Commission is predisposed to funding multiple organisations.

## ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Any project which provides energy efficiency benefits will be considered eligible. Examples of potential projects include installing energy efficiency devices, energy efficiency audits, no interest loan schemes or any other activity/project the Applicant demonstrates will have high energy efficiency benefits for the target group.

The Commission has deliberately not specified the types of projects that it will fund under the EEFI Scheme as it would like to encourage Applicants to propose a range of energy efficiency projects targeted at low income households. Whilst a successful Applicant's project may involve activities and audits which comply with the Residential Energy Efficiency Scheme (REES), REES compliance is not a mandatory requirement for funding under the EEFI Scheme.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING

To apply for the Grant, a completed Application Form must be submitted to the Commission. Incomplete Applications may not be considered. Applicants wishing to apply for funding should read the Application Guidelines and Grant Agreement before commencing the Application Form.

In completing the Application Form, applicants will be required to address selection criteria under the following headings:

- Energy Efficiency Benefits;
- Appropriateness and Quality of the Proposed Service Model;
- Appropriate Governance and Administration Arrangements in Place;
- Experience of the Organisation and its Officers;
- Capacity to meet Deadlines; and
- Value for Money.

An Assessment Panel comprising of Commission staff will review all the received Applications. The Assessment Panel will assess Applications against the selection criteria and the organisation's financial viability. The Applicant's financial viability will be determined through the financial statements required to be submitted with the Application.

## KEY DATES

Call for Applications	7 September 2012
<b>Close for Applications</b>	<b>5 October 2012</b>
Successful Applications announced	19 November 2012

## APPLICATION FORM

For a copy of the EEFI Scheme Application Form and Guidelines visit: [www.escosa.sa.gov.au](http://www.escosa.sa.gov.au).

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Please see the Essential Services Commission website for more information or contact Julie Dixon, [eefi@escosa.sa.gov.au](mailto:eefi@escosa.sa.gov.au) or 8463 4320.