



Clean Business Australia

Fact sheet

The Australian Government has allocated \$240 million over four years to establish *Clean Business Australia* – a partnership with Australian business and industry for tackling climate change.

Clean Business Australia will support a range of activities aimed at improving our energy and water efficiency and increasing sustainability, with a focus on productivity and innovation.

What is involved?

There are three program elements:

Climate Ready which helps small and medium sized Australian businesses to develop new technologies and services responding to climate change

Re-tooling for Climate Change which supports small and medium sized Australian manufacturers to reduce their environmental footprint

Green Building Fund which supports owners of existing commercial office buildings to reduce their green house gas emissions. Assistance is also available for industry organisations, to increase the ability of the commercial office building sector to reduce carbon emissions.

Each program is assessed in several rounds per year. Applicants compete for limited grant funds, based on the merit of their application. The round closing dates may be obtained from the AusIndustry web site (listed under each program).

Climate Ready

Climate Ready provides grants of \$50,000 to \$5 million, up to a maximum of 50% of the cost of research and development,

proof of concept or early stage commercialisation of new technologies that address the effects of climate change. Eligible projects may involve:

- water recycling, waste recovery or renewable energy technologies
- products, processes or services to monitor emissions or power use
- biotechnology or nanotechnology to address the effects of climate change on people and the environment.

An applicant must be a non-tax exempt company incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001, able to fund their share of the project, and with access to the intellectual property needed for the project.

Applicants must normally have a group turnover of less than \$100 million for each of the past three financial years. If an applicant is the subsidiary of an Australian research organisation, and seeking a grant of up to \$500,000, only the turnover of the applicant must be less than \$100 million.

Eligible applications will be assessed against five, equally weighted, criteria:

- applicant management capability
- project commercial potential
- project technical strength
- project national benefits
- impact of funding on project outcomes.

Further information is available in the *Climate Ready Customer Information Guide* on the AusIndustry website.

Further information

For further information about the *Clean Business Australia* programs, visit the AusIndustry website at www.ausindustry.gov.au. Alternatively, contact the AusIndustry hotline on 13 28 46 or by email at hotline@ausindustry.gov.au

Re-tooling for Climate Change

Re-tooling for Climate Change provides grants to companies undertaking manufacturing in Australia, for projects that reduce their environmental footprint, by improving the energy and/or water efficiency of their production processes.

Grants of between \$10,000 and \$500,000 are available, up to a maximum of half the cost of each project

Examples of eligible projects may include:

- investment in co-generation plant that captures waste energy and use it to generate electricity for production
- storm water capture and water recycling for use in manufacturing
- process re-engineering to reduce the energy or water used in production.

An eligible applicant for Re-tooling for Climate Change must be a non-tax exempt manufacturing company incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001, and have a turnover of less than \$100 million in the year prior to the date of lodgement of an application.

It must be able to fund the costs of the project not met by the grant.

Eligible applications will be assessed against three, equally weighted, criteria:

- Potential for reduction of the environmental footprint
- Scope and impact of process improvement
- Organisational capacity/capability to undertake the project.

More information is available from the *Re-tooling for Climate Change Customer Information Guide* on the AusIndustry website.

Green Building Fund

The *Green Building Fund* primarily 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 of \$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, and the owner or part owner of the commercial office building that is the subject of the project (or an agent of the owner acting on the owners' behalf).

The applicant must also demonstrate both the level of its green house gas emissions prior to the project and projected savings in emissions from the project. They must also be able to fund the cost of the project not met by the grant.

Eligible applications will be assessed against three Merit Criteria:

- Potential green house gas emissions reduction (worth 60% of total rating)
- Demonstration potential (20% of total rating)
- Project design and management (20% of total rating).

Separately, the program will offer a limited number of grants to industry organisations, to develop the knowledge, skills or capability of those involved in operation of commercial office buildings, to reduce emissions. Grants of up to \$200,000 are available, for up to 50% of project costs

More information is available in the *Green Building Fund Customer Information Guides – Stream A_ and Stream B_* – on the AusIndustry website.