



ENERGEX - ERGON

# COMMUNITY FUND



**Apply for up to \$10,000  
for your community project.**

Community groups | Schools | Universities | Sports clubs |  
Charities | Industry and business associations | Local Government |  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations



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# Bring your big ideas to life!

A lot of us have big ideas about how to help our communities, but often need a helping hand and some extra resources to get them over the line. We are committed to working with and supporting our local community groups to deliver positive outcomes and build lasting relationships.

That's why we created the Ergon-Energex Community Fund, which is designed to empower groups across Queensland to create change for the better. So if you have a community project in mind, or already underway, and would like us to get involved, then we'd love to hear more. Your idea doesn't have to be complicated or large-scale to be make a huge difference.

Want to know more? Read on!

## So, what is the Community Fund?

In a nutshell, it's a grant program that provides funding to not-for-profit community groups and organisations. This funding empowers groups to make a difference in their community. We look for ideas that encourage readiness, recovery and resilience for any challenges that are thrown their way.

Your project might support preparedness for weather events, or disaster recovery e.g. impacts to community infrastructure, mental health and wellbeing. Or help your community play a part in renewable energy transformation and Queensland's target of Net Zero emissions by 2050.

With grants on offer up to \$10,000, we're here to be a helping hand in getting your big idea across the line. And once again, a People's Choice bonus is up for grabs, giving you the opportunity to receive an additional \$5,000 in funding!





## Can I apply?

You must be an incorporated not-for-profit or like organisation to be eligible for the fund. Previous applicants and grant recipients are also eligible to reapply. You can be based anywhere in Australia, however, your project must be undertaken within Queensland.

### Eligible groups include:

- Community groups
- Local government or other government entities
- Educational institutions
- Charities
- Sporting clubs
- Industry or business associations
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisations.



## How do I apply?

If your project will take place in Energex's South East Queensland network area - that's from the state's border north to Gympie, and west to the base of the Great Dividing Range - please apply to Energex.

For all other Queensland locations, please apply to Ergon Energy Network.

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# Which types of projects are eligible?

Your project (or the part supported by our grant) must be completed within 12 months of receiving a grant from us. We're looking for projects that build community resilience and aid in disaster recovery. We are also looking to the future, and ways to help your community move to renewable energy and, away from the use of fossil fuels. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, those that:

- Contribute to recovery efforts following natural disasters
- Bolster long-term resilience and prepare the community for storm season, flooding and other events by producing storm kits, upgrading first aid equipment, installing storm shutters, installing a generator with a change-over switch or information programs
- Use or promote renewable energy alternatives like solar to electrify and decarbonise premises with electric cooking, heating, and electric vehicles. Or other ideas that support Queensland's Net Zero emissions target
- Educate consumers around energy consumption e.g. energy audits, new technology ideas or energy literacy programs
- Strive to improve mental and emotional wellbeing and inclusion in schools, workplaces and the community by providing support through events or educational programs
- Keep the community safe around electricity eg. arrange an electrical safety check, install new wiring, upgrade the switchboard
- Help grow industry or recover economic activity to create a more resilient community
- Provide lasting benefits to the community e.g. kids education programs, critical community-based equipment or facility upgrades.
- Focus on cultural reconnection and improve the lives of indigenous people through intervention and support programs.

## Which types of projects are not eligible?

- Projects outside Queensland
- Those projects that benefit specific individuals only or provide commercial outcomes for a specific organisation
- Fundraising activities
- Initiatives that only seek to offer cash or financial grants
- Major infrastructure construction projects
- Purchasing of carbon offsets
- Projects which are the core business of local council, State or Federal Government or government owned corporations
- Projects that will require ongoing financial support from Energex or Ergon Network after completion
- Projects that have already been completed.

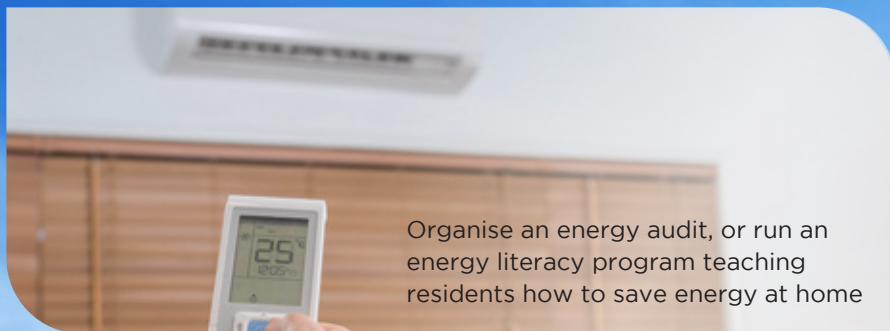




# Need a little inspiration?

Get your creativity flowing with these big ideas.

Run a program to help rebuild or support those experiencing hardship following devastation from bushfires, drought, flooding, severe storms or cyclone.



Organise an energy audit, or run an energy literacy program teaching residents how to save energy at home



Provide first aid equipment for community and emergency response.



Get ready for storm season by installing the necessary equipment, running resilience training or putting measures in place to support the community post disaster.



Run a program to encourage mental and physical health and wellbeing in your school or workplace.



Invest in solar energy or a new technology that will change the way your organisation uses energy.



Create a community garden to task and educate kids about sustainable living or revitalise part of your town.



Focus on cultural reconnection, improve lives of indigenous peoples through support programs.



# Tips

- We'd love to see new and exciting ideas with wide-scale impact. We want ideas that will genuinely provide a positive and long-lasting benefit, and put our communities on the front foot for the future.
- Think about how you can give your application the edge. Think outside the box but keep it real. We want ideas that will create change for the better.
- Let your passion shine through! We know community projects are run by passionate volunteers keen to make a difference. Make sure you tell us about your great work and why your group deserves a grant.
- If you're successful, rally your members, friends and family, share your story on social media and raise a voting storm around your project for the chance to receive the Community Fund's People's Choice bonus – an additional \$5,000 in funding!

# Before you apply...



It's important to tick all the right boxes. Please read the Terms and Conditions and run through the criteria list before you start.

## How will my application be judged?

These are the essential criteria that your project needs to meet:

- Provide a clear picture of how it will benefit the community
- Tell us why it makes sense for us to partner in your project
- Demonstrate that you have sufficient expertise and resources to successfully implement the project
- Showcase the level of engagement you have with your local community
- Detail tangible, measurable outcomes eg. energy savings, improved safety outcomes, number of attendees
- Include a realistic budget listing how the money will be spent.

## Non-essential, but nice

- Be innovative in nature
- Have an ongoing benefit beyond the initial project
- Provide opportunities to promote Energex or Ergon Network
- Show the potential to raise awareness of the project and its aims
- Obtain professional quotes

## Submission deadline

The submission deadline is final. Please refer to the date in the application form. We'll need to receive your application submitted through **energex.com.au** or **ergon.com.au**.

Late applications or additions/amendments to existing applications will not be accepted.





# Applying is easy

Jump online at [energex.com.au/communityfund](http://energex.com.au/communityfund) or [ergon.com.au/communityfund](http://ergon.com.au/communityfund) to complete an online application form, attach a photo of your group, premises or primary activity along with any supporting documents that will help us assess your proposal.



## Review process

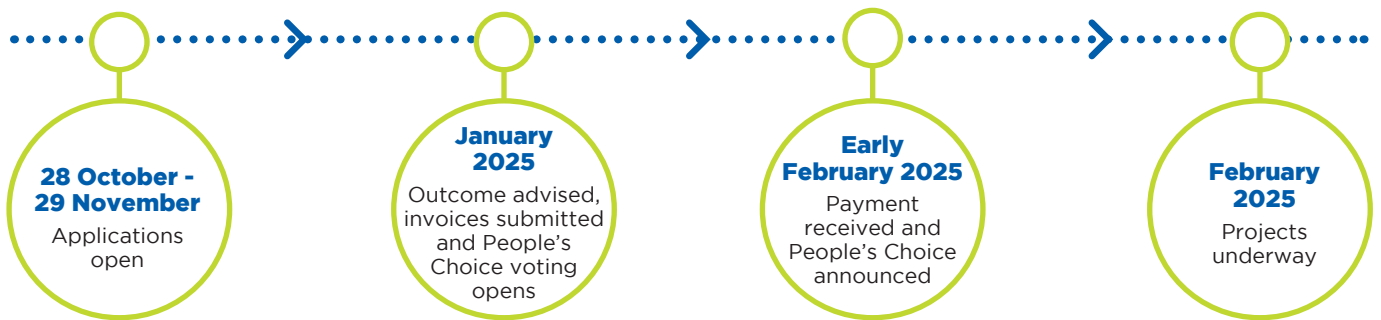
Firstly, your application will be assessed for eligibility. Shortlisted applications will then be reviewed by a panel of experts across our business in the fields of environment, safety and community engagement.

## These grants are hotly contested

You'll find out whether your application has been selected via email. If you're successful, the email will contain details of the amount you've been granted. This is a one-off payment and it might not be the full amount you

applied for. If successful, you'll need to sign a funding agreement and provide any relevant insurance certificates and a tax invoice for the grant to be paid. We'll explain all this at the time.

## Timeline



## People's Choice Bonus

Once notified, all successful recipients will have their project profiled online. The whole community can then vote for their favourite application having viewed details about your group, your project's purpose and a snippet about what the additional funding would mean to you. So be sure to take some time on this in your application!



Voting will be open for two weeks, so you'll have the opportunity to promote your project, telling everyone why they should place a vote for you!

If you are lucky enough to be selected for the People's Choice Bonus, we'll contact you to arrange the additional grant that will let you do even more for your community.



## Contact us

For further information, please email us and a member of the Community Fund team will respond via return email or phone call as soon as we can.

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