



Australian Government

WATER for the FUTURE

Tackling climate change – *Green Precincts Fund*

The *Green Precincts Fund* was announced in the 2008-09 Federal Budget, with funding of \$15 million over four years to support at least 10 high-profile demonstration projects that deliver water and energy savings while educating the community about water and energy efficiency.

The *Green Precincts Fund* supports both the Government's 10-year \$12.9 billion *Water for the Future* plan to secure the long-term water supply for all Australians and the *Solar Homes and Communities* plan to encourage local communities to better manage their water and energy use for current and future generations.

What type of projects may be funded?

Green Precincts demonstration projects must cover the following components:

- demonstrate and deliver significant water savings relative to comparable facilities through water efficiency measures such as high efficiency rated products, flow control restrictions, greywater use, rainwater and stormwater harvesting systems, efficient outdoor water and landscaping systems and smart metering;
- deliver substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency measures, such as solar power generation, solar hot water services, smart metering, energy efficient appliances and lighting, wind generation and functional green building design;
- be built at facilities that are for public use by a large number of people for example, public libraries, shopping centres, community buildings, major sporting centres, other public buildings and facilities; and
- include a significant community education component.

What are the objectives of the *Green Precincts Fund*?

- To raise community awareness about water and energy savings;
- Encourage the take-up of water and energy savings measures including the use of renewable energy in the home and at community facilities;
- Deliver direct environmental benefits from water and energy efficiency measures at Green Precinct project sites; and
- Encourage and demonstrate innovation in design and use of water and energy efficiency technology.

Who is eligible to apply?

The Government is looking to work with community organisations, sporting clubs and state and local government. Eligible funding recipients must be incorporated in Australia.

How much project funding is available?

Funding is capped at 50 per cent of eligible costs, with minimum funding of \$500,000, up to a maximum of \$1.5 million (GST exclusive) per project proposal.



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Water for the Future is a long-term plan to secure the water supply for all Australians. The Government is investing \$12.9 billion over 10 years to address four key priorities:

- Taking action on climate change
- Using water wisely
- Securing water supplies
- Supporting healthy rivers



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What is the timeline for the funding round?

In the first stage, applicants will need to submit an Expression of Interest. The Expression of Interest will be assessed and short listed applicants will be invited to submit a detailed project proposal.

How to apply

The guidelines and Expression of Interest forms for the *Green Precincts Fund* is available from www.environment.gov.au/water/programs or by calling 1800 218 478.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the *Green Precincts Fund* visit www.environment.gov.au/water/programs.

Alternatively you can email greenprecincts@environment.gov.au; or call 1800 218 478.

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