SoAR Boost - Stage 1 - Expression of Interest
Form Preview

About the grant

Instructions for Applicants

Before completing this expression of interest form, you should read the grant guidelines for the**Solar for Apartment Residents (SoAR) - Boost** program.

Please follow instructions on the following pages carefully to ensure all required information is provided.

Incomplete applications or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Application Number

This field is read only.

Program Details

The **Solar for Apartment Residents (SoAR) - Boost** initiative provides funding to support the installation of solar PV systems on eligible apartment buildings and other multi-unit dwellings in identified priority locations within NSW.

The NSW Government, through financial support from the Australian Government, is providing up to 80% of the funding to eligible owners corporations (OC), or strata managers, to install shared solar systems on apartments or other multi-unit dwellings. Each project can receive up to $200,000. The energy produced must be proportionately distributed to all residents in the building. A total of $5 million in funding is available through this initiative.

You can visit our website for more information including frequently asked questions.

Grant Program Name

This field is read only.
The program this submission is in.

Terms and Conditions

* indicates a required field

Definitions

In these Terms and Conditions, a reference to:

Applicant means the User making an Application through the Site.

Application means an application for a NSW Government grant submitted through the Site.

Group means the State of New South Wales acting through the Energy, Climate Change and Sustainability (ECCS) Group within the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

Material means the Site and all of the information and material (including all data, documents, pages, images, text, graphics, logos, audio and software) made available on the Site.

Group Representatives means employees, agents and officers of the Group.

Site or **OneGMS** means the NSW Government Grant Management System administered by the Group, which is accessible and available at https://netzeronsw.smartygrants.com.au/SoAR as amended from time to time.

User, **You or Your** means the person using or accessing the Site and includes an individual, partnership, or any body or person whether incorporated or not.

Overview

The Site is owned and administered by the State of New South Wales acting through the Energy Climate Change and Sustainability Group within the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

The Site enables the User to submit and manage applications for NSW Government ECCS grants. The Group uses the Site to collect and store information in relation to the administration of grants. The Site is built using the SmartyGrants platform.

By accessing or using the Site, You agree to be bound by these terms and conditions and any applicable instructions, processes, procedures and recommendations as advised on the Site.

Use of the Site

In accessing or using the Site, You agree:

- not to register with the Site or sign up to receive information for anyone other than yourself and, if You are registering on behalf of an organisation, as an authorised representative of the organisation;
- not to impersonate any person or entity or falsely misrepresent yourself;
- not to abuse, harm, interfere with, or disrupt the Site – for example, by accessing or using it in fraudulent or deceptive ways, introducing malware, or spamming, hacking, or bypassing the Site’s systems or protective measures; and
- not to export, extract or otherwise scrape Material from the Site.

Use of Information

Information provided by You in an Application, including information regarding any auspice, partner organisations or consortium (“partners”) will be collected and utilised by the Group and Group Representatives to:

- determine the Applicant's eligibility for funding and the merit of the Applicant's Application;
- consider the Applicant's suitability to receive funding by conducting fraud, corruption, and risk prevention checks;
- provide the relevant grant and any related services to the Applicant following a successful Application;
- contact the Applicant or the Applicant's nominated representatives in relation to other relevant programs or opportunities from the NSW Government (unless the Applicant opts out at any time);
- administer any incidental functions of the Group; and
- comply with any statutory obligations.

Information provided may be disclosed to parties external to the Group including, but not limited to:

- the Group's subcontractors and consultants;
- members of the Technical Review Panel and/or Assessment Panel;
- the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board;
- the Minister or Minister's Office;
- the NSW Department Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water;
- the NSW Ombudsman and Audit Office of NSW;
- the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet;
- the NSW Department of Customer Service;
- other NSW Government agencies for the purpose of considering the User's suitability; and
- external advisors including probity, technical, financial, or legal advisors any agency or body of the NSW Government, or any other organisation or individual considered by the Group to have a need or an entitlement to know that information (including any federal, state or territory agency or body), where that need or entitlement to know that information or required by law to be disclosed, to those parties.

The Group will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any information received in or in respect of the Applicant's Application which is clearly marked 'Commercial-in-confidence' or 'Confidential' is treated as confidential however, such documents will remain subject to the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW) (GIPA Act); and in some circumstances the Group may release information contained in an Application and other relevant information in relation to the Application in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

Publication of information

If an Application is successful, the relevant details of the grant will be made public, including details such as the names of the grant recipients and any partnering organisation (state

government agency or non-government organisation), project title, project description, location, anticipated time for completion and amount awarded. The Group may also publish aggregated and non-identifiable data from the Applications received.

Retention of information

We will retain the information provided for a period that is appropriate for the purpose for which it was provided. The information will be archived and disposed of in accordance with the Group's policies and legislative requirements of the *State Records Act 1998* (NSW).

Privacy Notice

We value Your privacy and are committed to protecting Your personal details securely, in accordance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (NSW), (PPIP Act), which regulates the collection, storage, quality, use and disclosure of personal information.

Personal information includes any information about an individual from which that person can reasonably be identified. It does not include information if the identity has been removed (anonymous data) or if it:

- can be found in a publicly available publication (such as a newspaper or book)
- is in a public register
- relates to someone's suitability for public sector employment
- is about people who have been dead for more than 30 years
- relates to some types of law enforcement and investigation activities.

This Privacy Notice should be read together with our Privacy Management Plan.

By providing information to us, You acknowledge that You are providing Your own information, or You've been authorised to provide information by the person You're providing information about.

Persons nominated within the Application have the right to access their personal information held by the Group, or have it corrected in certain circumstances (e.g., if it is incorrect). Should You wish to access or correct Your personal information contact the Group's designated privacy team at:

Information Access & Privacy Unit Department off Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure Locked Bag 5022, Parramatta NSW 2124 Phone: 02 9860 1440 Email: privacy@dpie.nsw.gov.au

Disclaimer

The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- information contained in an Application is provided by the Applicant voluntarily;
- the Applicant may withhold information requested in an Application, however doing so may result in an unsuccessful application;
- submission of an Application does not guarantee funding will be granted for any project;
- the Group expressly reserves its right to accept or reject an Application at its discretion;
- the Applicant is liable for the costs in preparing and submitting an Application;
- the State of New South Wales and the Group do not accept any responsibility or liability for any costs, damages, or expenses, whether or not the Application is ultimately accepted or rejected; and
- the Applicant has read the Grant Guidelines for the Program and has fully informed itself of the relevant Program and Application requirements.

Group Representatives do not give any representation, warranty or guarantee, whether express or implied, in relation to the information contained in each Application, including its completeness, accuracy, currency or reliability or the process by which they were prepared. Group Representatives do not purport and cannot give opinions regarding legal, accounting, regulatory, taxation or any other matters.

Nothing contained in the Site may be relied upon as a promise, guarantee, representation or warranty by the Group.

Third Party Terms

The Site uses SmartyGrants (https://smartygrants.com.au/) functions, features and content and Your use of this Site is subject to Your acceptance of SmartyGrants' Terms of Use and Privacy Policy.

Liability and Indemnity

With respect to the Site, to the maximum extent permitted by law, the Group excludes all liability to You/the User/the Applicant however arising (including from a negligent act or omission) under or in relation to the Site, the Material, the use of the Site, or these Terms and Conditions, including but not limited to loss of profits, loss or corruption of data, loss of reputation, loss of business, loss of business opportunities, loss of anticipated savings, loss of goodwill or for any type of special, direct, indirect, incidental or consequential loss or damage which may be suffered or incurred or which may arise directly or indirectly under or in relation to the Site or these Terms and Conditions.

To the extent allowed by applicable law, You agree to indemnify the Group, the State of New South Wales and their respective officers, employees, and contractors for any cost, damage, expense arising from third party claims, or third-party legal proceedings arising out of or relating to Your unlawful use of the Site or Your use of the Site in violation of these Terms and Conditions, except to the extent caused or contributed to by the Group.

Amendments

These Terms and Conditions and any third party terms and conditions referred to above are subject to change without notice to the User at any time. Your continued use of the Site will always be subject to the most current version of the Terms and Conditions including any third party terms and conditions referred to above.

General

With respect to the Site, these Terms and Conditions as well as the User's use of the Site shall be governed by the law of New South Wales and the parties submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of New South Wales and the Commonwealth of Australia.

Contact

For more information about the use of the Site or to make a suggestion or complaint, please reach out to the contact specified in the Grant Guidelines.

The Applicant and its nominated representatives agree to be contacted by the Group or Service NSW for Business in relation to other relevant funding opportunities, programs and services from the NSW Government. *

○ Yes

You must agree to the ECCS Terms and Conditions to continue your application submission

The Applicant acknowledges and agrees with these Terms and Conditions. *

○ Yes

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Contact Details

* indicates a required field

Read before entering any details into this page

Step 1: Applicant type

Select Organisation.This program is not available to individuals.

Step 2: Organisation name

Enter the organisation name exactly as:Owners Corporation of <Strata Plan Number>Example: Owners Corporation of SP12345

Step 3: Organisation details

Enter the owners corporation’s details, including the official contact's information.

Primary contact details

Step 4: Choose a primary contact

The primary contact must be an active member of the owners corporation (for example, a committee member or chair).

Step 5: Enter contact information

Provide the contact details for this person.This person should be available to respond to questions or provide additional information if needed during assessment.

Applicant Details

Applicant *

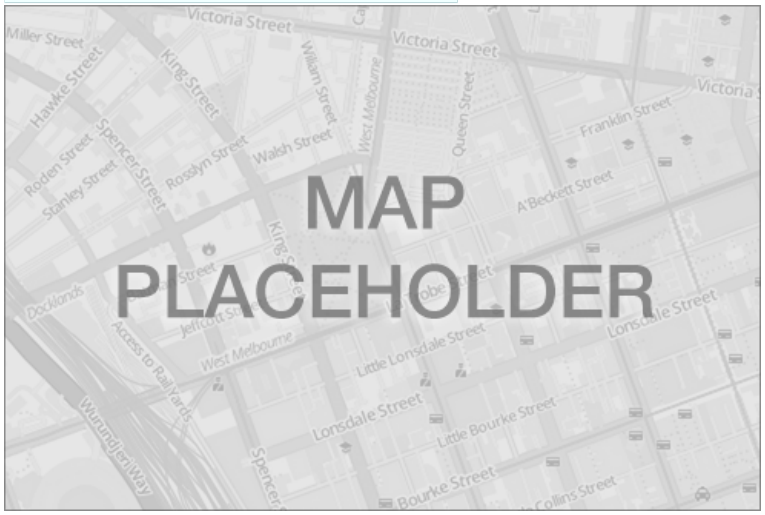
○ Individual ○ Organisation

Organisation Name

Title | First Name | Last Name

For organisations: please use the organisations full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

Applicant Primary Address
Address



Applicant Postal Address
Address

Applicant Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Applicant Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Website

Must be a URL.

Primary Contact Details

Primary Contact *
Title First Name Last Name

This is the person we will correspond with about this grant.

Primary Contact Position *

e.g., Manager, Board Member or Fundraising Coordinator.

Primary Contact Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Primary Contact Other Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Primary Contact Email *

This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this grant.

Organisation Details

* indicates a required field

Applicant Organisation Details

Please enter the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) code for the applicant organisation. *

Residential Owners Corporations fall under ANZSIC code: 6711 Residential Property Operators

Please upload a copy of your most recent Annual Report. *
Attach a file:

If you do not have a copy of your most recent Annual Report, please provide recent Financial Statements.

Does the applicant organisation have, or is it willing to obtain, public liability insurance with a minimum cover of $20 million? *

○ Yes ○ No

If you answer no to this question you will not be able to progress your application further. You will need to obtain public liability insurance and provide a copy of the policy in order to progress. Applicants are required to hold at least $20 million public liability insurance in order to enter into a funding deed with the NSW Government.

Please provide evidence that the applicant organisation holds Public Liability Insurance. *
Attach a file:

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Does the applicant organisation have an Australian Business Number (ABN)? *

○ Yes ○ No

Applicant Organisation ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity Name	
ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Must be an ABN.

Applicant Organisation ACN or AIN

This is an optional question

Project Details and Eligibility

* indicates a required field

Read before entering any details into this page

Project title Please use the following for the title:Owners Corporation for <Your Strata Plan Number>

Example: Owners Corporation for SP12345

DescriptionEnter a brief description of how the project will assist the residents of your building.

Anticipated start / end dates Please enter approximate dates

Primary location of your initiative Please enter the street address of your building.

Title *

Word count:
Must be no more than 25 words.
Provide a name for your initiative. Your title should be short but descriptive.

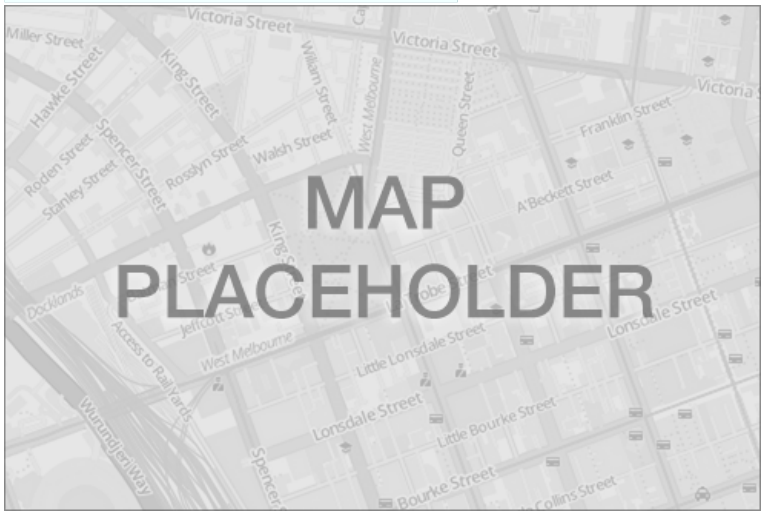
Brief description *

Word count:
Must be no more than 50 words.
Include a brief summary of who will benefit from this initiative, what activities you will do and what outcomes you expect from your activities.

Anticipated start date *

Anticipated end date *

Primary location of your initiative
Address



Any, but at least one field is required.
Primary location does not need to be a specific address, and can be postcode, suburb, state, etc If delivered online, please specify the area of focus for delivery.

Eligibility Questions

The following questions will be used to determine your eligibility for the program.

Is your building in an eligible suburb for this program? *
○ Yes ○ No
Refer to the program website for a list of eligible suburbs.

Does the building that the solar system will be installed on have a residential owners corporation registered under the NSW Strata Schemes Management Act 2015? *
○ Yes ○ No
Only NSW residential owners corporations (or their appointed Strata Manager) can apply for this program.

What is the strata plan number of the building the solar system will be installed on? *

This is your strata plan number, which should start with SP

How many individual residential lots are in the building? *

Must be a number and between 3 and 55.
This is the number of residential lots in the building. Some strata plans list car spaces and other areas as lots and these should not be included here.

Is this building a class 1a (that is an attached dwellings, such as a townhouse, row house, or similar configuration, that is strata managed and includes a shared rooftop area classified as common property) or class 2 domestic building under the National Construction Code? *
○ Class 1a ○ Class 2
The building must, under the National Construction Code, be a class 2 domestic building or a class 1a building that is an attached dwellings, such as a townhouse, row house, or similar configuration, that is strata managed and includes a shared rooftop area classified as common property for the installation of the solar PV system

Is your class 1a building strata-managed and does it have a shared rooftop space?
○ Yes ○ No
Class 1a buildings must be strata-managed and have a shared rooftop space to be eligible for this grant program.

Has any part of the building had a solar system installed within the past 10 years? *
○ Yes ○ No
Strata that have had a solar system installed in the last 10 years are ineligible for this grant program

If you answered Yes to an existing solar system on the building, please provide more detail.

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

Is the property a completed development at this time? *
○ Yes ○ No
Buildings that are still under construction, or proposed to be built are not eligible for this program.

Is the building owned by an individual, private business, government, educational institute, local council, property developer, not for profit organisation or community housing organisation? *
○ Yes ○ No
As stated in the grant guidelines, the applicant types listed above are not eligible for this program.

Is the building a retirement village, commercial property, public / social housing or operating under company title? *
○ Yes ○ No
As stated in the grant guidelines, the buildings listed above are not eligible for this program.

Has the Owners Corporation previously received Solar for Apartment Residents funding, for the nominated apartment lots? *
○ Yes ○ No
Only one application is allowed per building

Will the solar PV system be installed on parts of the roof that are common property / owned by the owners corporation? *
○ Yes ○ No
PV systems must be installed on common property

Does the building have an active strata insurance policy that will cover the solar installation? *
○ Yes ○ No
There must be an active strata insurance policy for be eligible for this grant program.

Please upload your building's active strata insurance policy that will cover the solar installation *
Attach a file:

Supporting Documentation

* indicates a required field

Authorisation for Strata Manager or nominated resident to apply on behalf of the owners corporation.

Strata Manager or nominated resident only - Please upload documentation from the owners corporation authorising you to apply on their behalf
Attach a file:

Authorisation from the owners corporation is required before an application can proceed.

Acknowledgement

Please note: if your application is deemed eligible, and proceeds to the full application stage, this does not signify that funding will be made available for your project.

Please tick the following box to confirm that you acknowledge this. *
○ I acknowledge

Declaration and Authorisation

* indicates a required field

Declaration

The Applicant represents and warrants that this application has been submitted by an authorised representative of the Applicant (e.g. a current member of the buildings owners corporation or their duly appointed strata manager).

Where this Application is submitted in the course of employment by a representative of any kind (e.g. authorised representative or agent) of the Applicant, you: (i) acknowledge and agree that the Applicant is deemed to be jointly and separately bound by this application; and (ii) represent and warrant that you have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant as contemplated by this provision.

By submitting this application form I hereby declare that:

- I have read and understood each of the acknowledgements, agreements, representations and warranties provided above, and that each of these are true and correct;
- All information provided including the responses to each question in the relevant sections of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge;
- Any information contained in this application may be disclosed to other Government agencies, staff administering the program, and to external stakeholders (including consultants, lawyers and other advisers) as part of the assessment of this application;
- I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of, and have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant;
- I understand that any false declaration may render this application ineligible/invalid; and
- All relevant conflicts of interest have been declared

Authorisation

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I agree *

☐ Yes

Name of authorised person *

Title | First Name | Last Name

Must be a senior staff member, board member or appropriately authorised volunteer

Position *

Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)

Phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
We may contact you to verify that this application is authorised by the applicant organisation

Email *

Must be an email address.

Applicant feedback

You are nearing the end of the application process. Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

How did you find the online application process?

○ Very easy ○ Easy ○ Neutral ○ Difficult ○ Very difficult

How many minutes did it take you to complete this application?

Estimate in minutes i.e. 1 hour 60

Please share any suggestions for improving the application process or form.