

CEEP FAQ

This guide contains information about the Community Energy Efficiency Program (CEEP). For any further questions don't hesitate to contact us directly.

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How does the minimum funding requirement work for projects involving an energy efficiency upgrade across multiple buildings?

Council Size	Minimum project cost for <i>EACH</i> building	Minimum Project cost across <i>ALL</i> buildings
Small regional and rural councils	No minimum	\$40,000
Medium-sized regional councils	\$35,000	\$70,000
Metropolitan and large regional councils	\$50,000	\$100,000

EXAMPLE: A metropolitan council wants to spend \$55,000 on upgrading building 1 and \$50,000 on upgrading building 2. The project is eligible because the project cost for *each* building is above \$50,000 and the total project cost is over \$100,000.

How late is too late to apply for round one CEEP funding?

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Can I put in an application for multiple sites at or just above the funding threshold, or does each site have to be above the threshold?

If you are a medium or large regional council, or a metro council, each site has to be above the threshold. This means that a metro council's minimum project cost is \$100,000 for one building, \$200,000 for two buildings etc.

Can I access CEEP funding for an existing project?

If you have an existing energy efficiency project already planned, you can apply for matched funding. This means that you would have double the money to spend, which would require you to increase the size of the project.

For example, if you have a \$600,000 cogen project that is self funded – your council can apply for another \$600,000 in CEEP funding to be spent on a lighting upgrade in 5 council buildings.

How are the CEEP applications assessed?

The CEEP criteria are (1) Energy efficiency improvement potential, (2) Potential to encourage improved energy management practices, (3) project design, funding and management and (4) Value for money.

To learn more about these criteria see page 12 of the Community Energy Efficiency Program Guidelines.

How will CarbonetiX ensure my project meets these criteria?

Criteria 1,3 & 4:

Since 2002 CarbonetiX have been identifying opportunities to save energy in council and business buildings. Our engineers are able to pinpoint energy inefficiencies and have a great knowledge of the very latest technology. We pride ourselves on identifying efficiency measures that provide both environmental and financial value to our clients.

We are a recognised name in energy efficiency engineering and have helped turn audit reports into real energy savings for a range of government and business clients.

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Criteria 2:

This criterion is all about communicating your energy savings successes to stake holders and the broader community. CarbonetiX have developed an energy data visualisation system, called CarbonRealtime, that graphically shows how much energy and greenhouse gas has been saved. This data can be shown on an interactive touchscreen, on a councils websites, on mobile devices or automatically sent to email addresses. These graphics make preparing case studies and educational resources extremely straight forward.

What do I need to have ready for an energy audit of my council building?

Our energy assessor will contact you prior to the audit to discuss the site. You will need to have a copy of recent bill for each electricity/gas/LPG account at each site (all front and back pages of bills). We would also like you to have the following ready:

Billing data for 24 months (hopefully this is available)

Site plans (as a minimum emergency exit plans are OK, but proper scaled site plans are preferred).

Details of hours of operation

Copy of any previous energy audits that have been done

How can I access financing for my portion of the project?

Low Carbon Australia (LCA) are allowing Small Regional and Rural Councils to access finance for an energy efficiency upgrade project. This loan can be used as your portion of a CEEP project, allowing you to access matched funding from CEEP for the amount you borrow through LCA.

If you are hoping to combine LCA financing with CEEP funding we would suggest embarking on an energy efficiency project no smaller than \$150,000 in size.

Does the \$3,000 energy audit include travel costs?

In some instances, getting an energy audit of one building may attract a travel cost – making the total cost more than \$3,000. The best way to ensure you get great value out of our experienced energy auditors is to combine multiple sites into a visit.