

Yarra Home Energy Upgrades 2026/27

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Yarra Home Energy Upgrades 2026-27 which is focusing on residents living in community housing.

The goal of Yarra Home Energy Upgrades is to support the accelerated transition of existing dwellings to **climate resilient, energy efficient homes**, with **targeted support for low-income households and those who are least able to act** as outlined in Council’s [Climate Emergency Plan 2024-30](#).

Please read the Application Guidance here carefully before applying, emailed to you from the Climate Emergency team.

For any questions regarding the submission, please contact climateemergency@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Contact Details

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Organisation Name

Applicant Details

Title	First Name	Last Name

Applicant 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	

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Must be an ABN.

Applicant Position

Applicant Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Applicant Email Address

Must be an email address.

Funding Request

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Funding Request

How much funding are you applying for? Please enter the amount excluding GST.

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Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents).

Up to \$33,000 ex GST.

My organisation will provide matched funding equal to the amount of funding received *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Matched funding is required for your organisation to receive funding through this program.

What percentage of the total combined budget will you allocate to project management? *

Up to 20%

Where will you source your matched funding from? *

☐ Internal operational budget

☐ Philanthropic / non-government funding

☐ Other:

Please note matched funding cannot come from state or federal government programs e.g. the Energy Efficiency in Social Housing Program (EESHP).

Please give details on any relevant state or federal funding you are receiving (e.g. Energy Efficiency in Social Housing Program). Please provide details on how Council funding will support more households or facilitate different upgrades. (optional)

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How many households are you expecting to serve through the program? Can be a range. *

Minimum of total combined budget available for subsidies / \$3,500.

It may be that more than \$33,000 ex GST is available for Community Housing Providers who can match fund upgrades for a larger number of households. Please advise if you would be interested in match funding a larger amount, and if so, up to what value. (optional)

Program Details

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Program Details

Please explain the need for this funding and how this aligns with Council's priority of supporting residents at greatest risk of climate impacts. You may like to include details on building condition, overall demographics of tenants, or demographics of participating tenants. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Please provide details on what upgrades you will deliver through the funding (e.g. reverse cycle air conditioning, insulation, draughtproofing, solar etc). If you are planning to give residents a choice of upgrade, please outline how you will determine what options are available and how you will support them to make a choice. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Home energy upgrades that improve residents' thermal comfort and safety in extreme heat and cold, for example: reverse cycle air conditioning, draughtproofing, solar, hot water heat pumps, ceiling insulation, internal window treatments (e.g. honeycomb blinds). We will not fund home energy upgrades that focus solely on electrification and do not improve residents' thermal comfort and exposure to climate impacts (e.g. induction cooktops).

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Please explain how the planned upgrades will directly benefit residents (e.g. safety, comfort, cost of living). Please share if there could be any unintended consequences (e.g. increase in energy bills) and how this will be addressed to ensure residents are not disadvantaged. *

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Must be no more than 200 words.

Supplier Details

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Do you already have supplier(s) in place to deliver the upgrade works? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Supplier details

Please give details, or upload documentation below, outlining how your suppliers meet the following criteria.

We understand you still may be in the process of appointing suppliers, so some of this information can be provided at a later date.

However please note you must provide documentation for all of the below areas for all suppliers appointed through the program before funding is released.

Please note if your appointed supplier(s) use subcontractors, subcontractors must meet the same requirements as supplier's own staff, and must be covered by the supplier's:

- warranties;
- insurances;
- codes of conduct;
- ability to claim VEU and other government rebates; and
- all other assurances provided by the supplier.

Please share the Organisation Name of your appointed supplier(s) *

Accreditation and Meeting Industry Standards

Please give details **and/or** upload documentation that confirms how your supplier:

Holds relevant accreditations and will meet industry standards, including suitably qualified staff, contractors and sub-contractors to carry out works that meet or exceed all relevant Australian Standards and industry codes of practice applicable to the sale and safe installation of energy products and systems.

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Details of relevant accreditations and how your supplier meets industry standards (optional)

Accreditation and industry standard documents (optional)

Attach a file:

Child Safety

Please give details **and/or** upload documentation below that confirms how your supplier, contractors and any subcontractors proving services at residential homes:

- **Works within the requirements of the Child Wellbeing and Safety Act (Vic) and the Child Safe Standards (Vic)**
- **Holds current Police Checks**
- **Holds current Working With Children Checks**

Details on Child Safety

Child Safety documents (optional)

Attach a file:

Occupational Health and Safety

Please give details **and/or** upload documentation below that confirms how your supplier will:

Demonstrate that sound and lawful Work, Health and Safety standards are practised consistently, including documentation of safe work practices through a Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) or Job Safety Analysis (JSA) to document risks or hazards on site and procedures for safe work.

Details of your supplier's approach to Occupational Health and Safety (optional)

Occupational Health and Safety documents (optional)

Attach a file:

Insurance

Please give details **and/or** upload documentation below that provides:

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Details of insurance currently held by your supplier which would provide cover to the minimum standard specified below.

- **Public and Products Liability: \$20 million (\$20,000,000)**
- **Professional Indemnity: \$10 million (\$10,000,000)**
- **Work Cover Policy**

Details of your supplier's insurance (optional)

Insurance documents (optional)

Attach a file:

Warranties (if products are known)

Please give details **and/or** upload documentation below that provides:

Details of how product warranties meet or exceed industry standards:

- **Reverse cycle air conditioning and hot water heat pumps: minimum 5-year product and installation warranties**
- **Draughtproofing: minimum 5-year installation warranty**
- **Insulation: minimum 5-year installation warranty, and minimum 25-year product warranty.**
- **Solar: 25-year performance warranty on solar PV panels (producing at least 80% of their rated power output after 25 years), 10-year product warranty on solar PV panels, 5-year manufacturer's warranty on inverter, 5-year installation warranty**

Details of product warranties (optional)

Warranties documents (optional)

Attach a file:

After-sales support

Please give details **and/or** upload documentation below that provides:

Details of how after-sales support will be provided for any issues that arise within the warranty period.

Details of after-sales support (optional)

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After-sales support documents (optional)

Attach a file:

Claiming state/federal rebates

Please give details **and/or** upload documentation below that confirms how your supplier will:

Leverage state and federal rebates to reduce cost of upgrades, including: Solar Victoria rebates, VEU/VEECs.

Details on claiming rebates (optional)

Claiming rebates documents (optional)

Attach a file:

Yet to appoint a supplier

You will need to appoint a supplier to ensure quality and safety across the following areas.

Please note Council will require documentation to evidence this before funds are distributed.

- **Accreditation and Meeting Industry Standards** Holds relevant accreditations and will meet industry standards, including suitably qualified staff, contractors and sub-contractors to carry out works that meet or exceed all relevant Australian Standards and industry codes of practice applicable to the sale and safe installation of energy products and systems.
- **Child Safety**
 - Works within the requirements of the Child Wellbeing and Safety Act (Vic) and the Child Safe Standards (Vic)
 - Holds current Police Checks
 - Holds current Working With Children Checks
- **Occupational Health and Safety**- Ensuring that sound and lawful Work, Health and Safety standards are practised consistently, including documentation of safe work practices through a Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) or Job Safety Analysis (JSA) to document risks or hazards on site and procedures for safe work.
- **Insurance**- Ensuring insurance held by your supplier would provide cover to the minimum standard specified below.
 - Public and Products Liability: \$20 million (\$20,000,000)
 - Professional Indemnity: \$10 million (\$10,000,000)
 - Work Cover Policy
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- **After-sales support** Ensuring that after-sales support will be provided for any issues that arise within the warranty period.
- **Claiming state/federal rebates** Ensuring state and federal rebates will be leveraged to reduce cost of upgrades, including: Solar Victoria rebates, VEU/VEECs.
- **Subcontracting** Please note if your appointed supplier(s) use subcontractors, subcontractors must meet the same requirements as supplier's own staff, and must be covered by the supplier's:
 - warranties;
 - insurances;
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 - all other assurances provided by the supplier.

Please give details on how you will appoint a supplier to ensure quality and safety across the areas above. Please note Council will require documentation to evidence this before funds are distributed. *

Risk Management

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Risk Management

Please outline the steps you would take to mitigate these five risks:

Occupational Health and Safety risks *

Word count:

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Accessing approvals including Owners' Corporation approval, permits or confirming permit exemptions for installations in properties in a heritage overlay

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The Climate Emergency team can assist in understanding property heritage requirements.

Time delays (noting all upgrades need to be delivered by 30 June 2027) *

Word count:

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Tenant welfare issues (e.g. hoarding, family violence) posing risks to tenant and/or contractor safety *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Complaints *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Declaration and Privacy Statement

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Read Yarra Council's [Privacy Policy](#) [PDF, 142.97 KB] .

Please confirm all of the following: *

- ☐ I declare to the best of my knowledge that all the details supplied in this application form and in the attached documents are true and correct.
- ☐ I confirm there will be no cost passed to tenants who receive upgrades. This includes costs relating to installing the upgrades, and rent increases as a result of upgrades installed.
- ☐ I confirm that any benefits accrued from taking part in the program (e.g. reduction in energy bills) will be passed onto tenants.
- ☐ Installations will be completed by 30 June 2027.
- ☐ I will complete the Grant Acquittal by 30 June 2027, reporting on: number of households served, type and number of upgrades delivered, total cost of energy upgrades delivered, state/ federal subsidies claimed and benefit to residents.
- ☐ I will comply with Council's auditing approach (5% of households, minimum 1 household per Community Housing Provider, total agreed in conversation with Council).
- ☐ With tenant consent I will pass contact details of participating households to Council to evaluate impact and collect case studies.
- ☐ I consent to the information provided in relation to this application being collected, used and disclosed by the Yarra City Council for the purpose of registering and administering

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my funding application with the Yarra City Council. I understand that copies of all material provided will be retained by Council as required by the Public Records Act 1973.

☐ I agree to be contacted and have my project profiled by Yarra City Council for marketing and promotion purposes.

At least 9 choices must be selected.

Your Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

On behalf of... Organisation Name *

For further information please contact:

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Before Submitting your Application

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Please review your application carefully before submitting it. Once an application is submitted it cannot be changed without the assistance of the Climate Emergency Team.

Applications are not submitted until you hit the submit button on the final page of the application form.

If you have missed a required field or one of your answers is over the word limit, you will not be able to submit your application. Any questions preventing you from submitting will be highlighted in red on the "Review and Submit" page of the application form.

If you do not receive a confirmation email, your application has **not** been received. Please check that all the required questions have been answered before attempting to submit again.

Once your application is submitted, you can return to [SmartyGrants](#) at any time to view or download it. A PDF version will also be emailed to you upon successful submission.