



Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Energy Policy WA

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Clean Energy Future Fund



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Agenda

- Overview
- Key changes from round one
- Objectives
- Ministerial Priorities
- Eligibility Criteria
- Merit Criteria
- Application and Assessment Process
- Questions





Key changes from round one

- Local government entities eligible
- Maximum funding request doubled to \$4 million
- Additional Ministerial priorities
- Simplified eligibility criteria
- Merit criteria and weightings
- Application and Assessment Process
- Questions





Overview

- \$16 million remaining in fund
- Round 2 opened 25 January 2021, closes 22 April 2021
- Grants paid in arrears for project milestones





Objectives

- Significant cost-effective reduction in greenhouse gas emissions below projected (or baseline) emissions as a direct result of the clean energy project
- Design, deployment, testing or demonstration of innovative clean energy projects likely to deliver community benefits or lead to broad adoption and significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions





Ministerial Priorities (1)

1. Innovative clean energy projects in regional and remote Western Australia.
Regional and remote Western Australia means projects that are at the fringe of, or are not connected to, the South West Interconnected System or the North West Interconnected System.
2. Clean energy projects that improve the security and resilience of networked electricity supply in line with the Distributed Energy Resources Roadmap.
3. Clean energy projects that support decarbonisation of existing industry and the development of new, low emissions industries in Western Australia.





Ministerial Priorities (2)

4. 'Shovel ready' clean energy projects that will reduce emissions and create jobs in Western Australia.
5. Projects that will enhance energy efficiency and materially reduce emissions from the built environment or manufacturing.
6. Clean energy projects that support the replacement of diesel with renewable energy.

Note: Projects not aligned with priorities may still apply.





Eligibility Criteria

- Incorporated under Corporations Act 2001 or a local government entity.
- Management team are fit and proper persons
- CEFF and other WA government funding $\leq 25\%$ of eligible costs
- CEFF funding $\geq \$250k$ and $\leq \$4m$
- Project primarily in WA
- Must be a clean energy project (see next slide)





Definition of clean energy project

A project that deploys or applies a technology that reduces greenhouse gas emissions from the production or use of stationary energy. This could include energy control or management systems, renewable energy, energy storage and/or energy efficiency.

Stationary energy excludes the use of energy for the purpose of transportation defined below:

- a) transport by vehicles registered for road use
- b) rail transport
- c) marine navigation
- d) air transport.





Merit Criterion: Reducing Emissions 30%

- Quantifiable direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions reductions expected for each project dollar
- Alignment with the WA Government's aspiration to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions across the WA economy by 2050





Merit Criterion: Business Case 20%

- Justification (project value and need for assistance)
- Technical feasibility and likelihood of success
- Financial viability with CEFF support
- Strength of technical and financial assumptions
- Funding structure (CEFF, applicant equity, other equity, debt, etc.) and likelihood that funding can be secured





Financial model template

- What do you need to spend money on?
- Where will you get the money?
- What milestones will the money be spent on?
- When will the milestones be completed?
- How much energy and emissions reduction will be produced?
- How much revenue will result?
- Will it justify the money spent?
- Remember to check the validation checklist for issues





Merit Criterion: Organisational capacity 10%

- Technical and management capability, expertise
- Applicant's track record
- Timeframe for project commencement and delivery
- Structure, partnerships, agreements and governance
- Comprehensive high-quality planning
- Likelihood of securing regulatory approvals





Merit Criterion: Risk management 10%

- Quality of risk management plan
- Quality of risk register
- Risks faced by the project
- Adequacy of insurance cover





Risk register template

- An option to capture your
 - project risks
 - mitigation controls
 - risks after mitigation
- Look for risks in:
 - the assumptions in your financial model
 - technical viability
 - operation





Merit Criteria: Potential for wider adoption 20%

- Not common practice
- Potential for other implementations by applicant or others
- Ongoing commitment





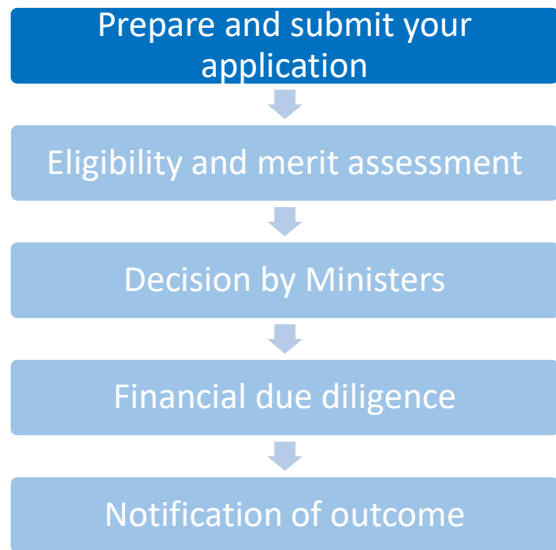
Merit Criteria: Public Good 10%

- Knowledge sharing
- Building capacity in staff and others
- Economic development
 - Jobs created
 - New industry or business practice created





How to Apply



Download and read the Applicant Guidelines and other documents from www.wa.gov.au/ceff



Complete application form and relevant supporting documents.



Review checklist at the end of the form.



Submit by email by **23:59 AWST 22 April 2021** to ceff@dwer.wa.gov.au



Assessment Process

Prepare and submit your application



Eligibility and merit assessment



Decision by Ministers



Financial due diligence



Notification of outcome



Applications assessed against eligibility and merit criteria, and considered for alignment with the Ministerial priorities



Applicants may be asked clarification questions at this stage if required



Recommendations provided to Ministers





Assessment Process – Ministerial decision

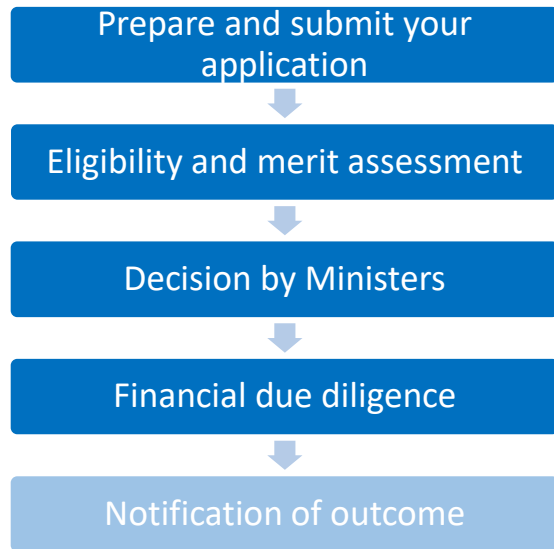


Minister for Environment and Minister for Energy jointly decide the selected applicants





Assessment Process – due diligence



Selected applicants asked to supply due diligence information

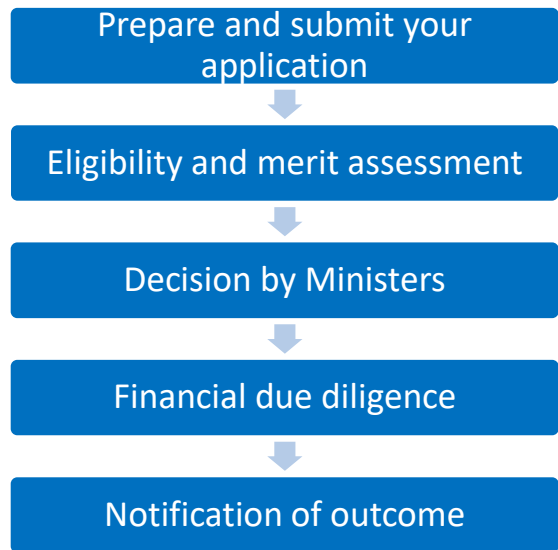


Financial due diligence is done





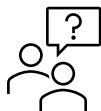
Assessment Process – Notification



Applicants notified by email



Successful applicants invited to enter a Funding Agreement



Unsuccessful applicants may request feedback from DWER





Timetable

Item	Key dates
Round two opened	25 January 2021
Round two closes	23:59 on 22 April 2021
Applications assessed, Ministerial decision, due diligence process, outcome announced	Expected to be in the second half of calendar 2021



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