



Grant application status

Western Australian Advocacy for Consumers of Energy

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The Western Australian Advocacy for Consumers of Energy (WA ACE) Grants fund research and advocacy activities supporting household and small businesses in the WA energy sector.

The objectives of the WA ACE Grants are to:

- support energy consumer advocacy activities;
- build knowledge and capacity of energy consumer advocates; and
- promote solution-focused consumer-centric research in the energy sector, that benefit the long-term interests of energy consumers in Western Australia.

This document lists all grant decisions made as part of the WA ACE Grants program. These records have been made available to inform policy and build knowledge about energy consumer research and activities in Western Australia.

Application number	Round/Year	Name of applicant	Project title	Grant amount (ex GST)	Approval status
WCE_20_1_1	1/2020-21	EPC Technologies Pty Ltd	Besy Energy	\$50,000	No
WCE_20_1_2	1/2020-21	Switch Batteries Pty Ltd	Unpacking Batteries	\$44,000	No
WCE_20_1_3	1/2020-21	Katanning Energy Pty Ltd	Community Energy Pilot – Consumer Advocacy	\$34,500	No
WCE_20_1_4	1/2020-21	Katanning Energy Pty Ltd	Outcome measurement framework and community dashboard	\$15,500	No
WCE_20_1_5	1/2020-21	Western Australian Council of Social Service Inc	Better understanding and responding to utility hardship in WA	\$50,000	Yes
WCE_20_1_6	1/2020-21	Australian Electric Vehicle Association, WA Branch	Electric Vehicles for Rural and Regional Western Australia	\$49,000	No

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WCE_20_1_7	1/2020-21	City of Gosnells	Energy efficiency literacy in new housing	\$42,300	No
WCE_20_1_8	1/2020-21	Shelter WA Inc.	Experiences of Energy Hardship in WA	\$74,867	No
WCE_20_1_9	1/2020-21	Shelter WA Inc.	Community Housing Pathways to Energy Efficiency	\$71,758	No
WCE_20_1_10	1/2020-21	Energy Transformation Association for the Kimberley	Energy Transformation for the Kimberley – Increasing Community Engagement and development of an inclusive solution through 'Co-Design'	\$45,000	Yes
WCE_20_1_11	1/2020-21	Murdoch University	Advocating energy efficient behaviours through the development of evidence based digital storylines	\$49,268	No
WCE_20_1_12	1/2020-21	Australia Mekong Partnership for Environmental Resources & Energy Systems (AMPERES)	Shorting the Gap	\$50,000	No
WCE_20_1_13	1/2020-21	Newgate Research	Consumer Advocacy Desktop Audit	\$45,334	No
WCE_20_1_14	1/2020-21	Newgate Research	Consumer Advocacy Deliberative Forum	\$45,415	No
WCE_20_2_1	2/2020-21	Newgate Communications	Energy Consumer Advocacy Training Workshop	\$24,300	Yes

Small grant applications

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29/03/2022	Zubin Meher-Homji	Strategic review of Western Power's Access Arrangement 5	\$5,000	Yes
21/10/2022	Rose Ferrell (CREATE Community Energy)	Pathways to a Renewable Future: Community Energy in Focus	\$3,924.55	Yes
9/11/2022	Zubin Meher-Homji	Review of ERA's draft decision on Western Power's revised access arrangement for 2022 to 2027, and Western Power's revised proposal	\$5,000	Yes
8/12/2022	Chris Alexander	Providing a Western Australian consumer perspective on national research to explore ways to build consumer trust in a transforming energy	\$2,550	Yes
17/01/2023	RACE for 2030 Cooperative Research Centre	Benchmarking customer priorities and trust – Energy System Stakeholder Mapping	\$3,500	Yes
5/05/2023	Financial Counsellors Association of WA	Financial Counsellors Association of WA Review into gas retailers observing the financial hardship provisions contained in the Compendium of Gas Customer Licence Obligations.	\$10,000	Yes
11/08/2023	Kieran Donoghue	Review of ATCO Gas's proposed access arrangement for 2025-29	\$10,000	No
4/09/2023	Analena Gilhome	The ERA's first round of public consultation for its Review of the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution System Access Arrangement for the 2025-2029 period	\$9,900	Yes
28/04/2024	Mr Anthony Cribb (TRAC Partners Pty Ltd)	ATCO's Access Arrangement #6 - Draft Decision Response	\$10,000	Yes

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28/05/2024	Associate Professor Margaret Grose (University of Melbourne)	Giving clarity to consumers regarding street tree pruning for electricity wires	\$9,982	Yes
24/03/2025	Dr Kathryn Thorburn (Nulungu Research Institute)	Kimberley Aboriginal Community Energy Forum	\$10,000	Yes
8/05/2025	Mr Nathan Whitebrook (University College London)	Extracting the Sun: Examining the Political Ecology of Solar Power in the Pilbara Energy Transition	\$8,230	No
23/09/2026	Chris Alexander	Submission on Framework and Approach for Western Power's Sixth Access Arrangement Review	\$5,000	Yes
12/05/2026	Chris Alexander	Fit for purpose: ensuring Western Power's access arrangement is aligned with consumer needs and expectations	\$5,250	Yes