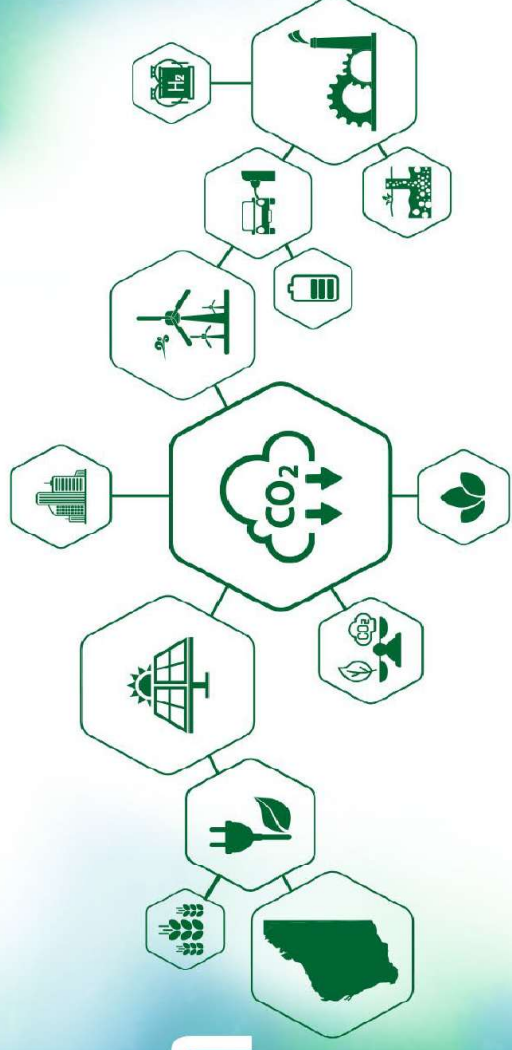




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Carbon Innovation Grants Program



ROUND 3 - GRANT INFORMATION WEBINAR

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Program Manager
22 September 2026

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Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to start with acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land I present from today, the Whadjuk Noongar people, and pay my respects to their ancestors and Elders past and present.

I extend this acknowledgement and respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people joining us today.





Welcome

- The cameras and microphones of the attendees will be muted throughout the session.
- Use online chat facility to post your questions; Marc or Ro will address them during the session.
- Any unanswered questions will be addressed at the end of the session.
- The session will be recorded and posted on the website.
- FAQ section on CIGP website will also be updated at the end of the two webinars.

Webinar Agenda

- Program overview and objectives
- Application information
- Funding streams and thresholds
- Eligibility criteria
- Merit criteria and assessment
- Application process via Smarty Grants
- Questions and Answers



Program overview

- Carbon Innovation Grants Program (CIGP) was designed to build the capacity of heavy industry sectors to transition to net zero by 2050.
- Two successful grant rounds allocated \$9.5M funding to 15 projects.
- Round 3 has a funding budget of approximately \$3.1M and could possibly be the last round of the Program.

Program objectives

- **Reduce** carbon emissions from heavy industry processes in WA.
- **Support** the development of innovative technologies for carbon abatement and sequestration.
- **Maximise** co-benefits for the environment and the WA economy.
- **Increase** the supply of carbon credits, to enable heavy industry to offset residual emissions.



Application information

- Applications must be submitted via SmartyGrants - department's grant portal for the program.
- Applicants can submit multiple applications and must provide evidence of sufficient resources and capacity to complete multiple projects.
- We advise you attach following supporting documents with your application:
 - Business case
 - Financial model (templates provided on CIGP webpage)
 - Risk Register (template provided on CIGP webpage)
- **Key dates**
 - Financial model webinar: 24 September 2026 at 10:00am (AWST)
 - Application closing date: 11 December 2026 by 5:00pm (AWST)
 - Assessment outcome: Mid 2027

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- **Business registration**

Hold a current Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered for GST.

- **Eligible entities**

Australian corporation, local government authority, not-for-profit organisation, incorporated association, university, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander corporation, company limited by guarantee, and a partnership or consortium of any eligible entities.

- **Fit and proper persons**

No disqualification by law from performing their role; no conflict of interest that may create material risk to perform their role; they should have legal right to carry out and control the project.

- **Carbon Credit projects**

Demonstrate that they can meet all applicant eligibility criteria for an approved carbon crediting method.

Project Eligibility Criteria

Criteria	Feasibility study	Pilot project and capital works
Location	Study must apply to sites within WA	Project must be in WA
Funding limits	Between \$50,000 to \$500,000 with maximum grant contribution of 50% of eligible project cost	Between \$100,000 to \$1,500,000 with maximum grant contribution of 25% of eligible project cost
Program alignment	Technology development to move from concept through to real-world trials TRL3 to TRL5	Real-world pilot trials to enable technologies to scale up to full commercial-ready applications TRL6 to TRL8 or full-scale TRL 9/CRL 2-3
	- Industrial business must be the lead or the partner in the project, providing a cash or in-kind contribution. - The project activities must be currently permitted by law - The project must be additional to business-as-usual activities of the applicant	
	Must be completed within 24 months from commencement	Must be completed within 36 months from commencement
Carbon credit projects	Demonstrate how the project would meet the eligibility criteria of the proposed carbon crediting method (if applicable).	

Heavy industry and Industrial business (definitions)

Grant Eligibility

The project must involve an industrial business / activity

An entity or organisation which is involved in the production of goods and/or industrial processing of materials.

Merit Assessment

Heavy industry

A general term that can cover many types of businesses involved in industrial processing of materials, mining or manufacturing.

e.g., Stationery and mobile plant servicing heavy industry, mineral extraction, mineral or metal refining, fuel production or chemical/fertiliser manufacturing.

Hard-to-abate

Greenhouse gas emissions that are difficult, costly or currently impossible to eliminate using the commercially available low-carbon technologies.

Refer to Glossary section of Applicant Guidelines for more information

Project costs

Eligible project costs:

- ✓ capital costs of equipment used for carbon abatement or sequestration
- ✓ essential enabling equipment such as energy storage, feedstock storage, system control equipment, system power or energy conversion equipment, monitoring or communications equipment and structures used for housing power-system equipment
- ✓ essential non-equipment expenditure including design, professional services, transport, installation and commissioning, laboratory testing, field sampling related to the project
- ✓ project management costs and grant administration costs.
- ✓ In-kind contribution from the applicant or project partners

Ineligible project costs

- ☒ land acquisition or lease
- ☒ venture capital expenditure
- ☒ costs associated with core business activities or business-as-usual (BAU) activities
- ☒ ongoing administrative, operational and maintenance costs
- ☒ project works already commenced or completed prior to funding announcement
- ☒ costs associated with preparing grant application or supporting services including legal, reports, managing compliance etc.

Merit Criteria and Weighting

Merit criterion (MT)	Weighting
1. Reducing emissions (MT1)	30%
2. Business case (MT2)	20%
3. Ability to deliver (MT3)	15%
4. Innovation and potential for wider adoption (MT4)	20%
5. Public good (MT5)	15%

MT1: Reducing emissions - 30%

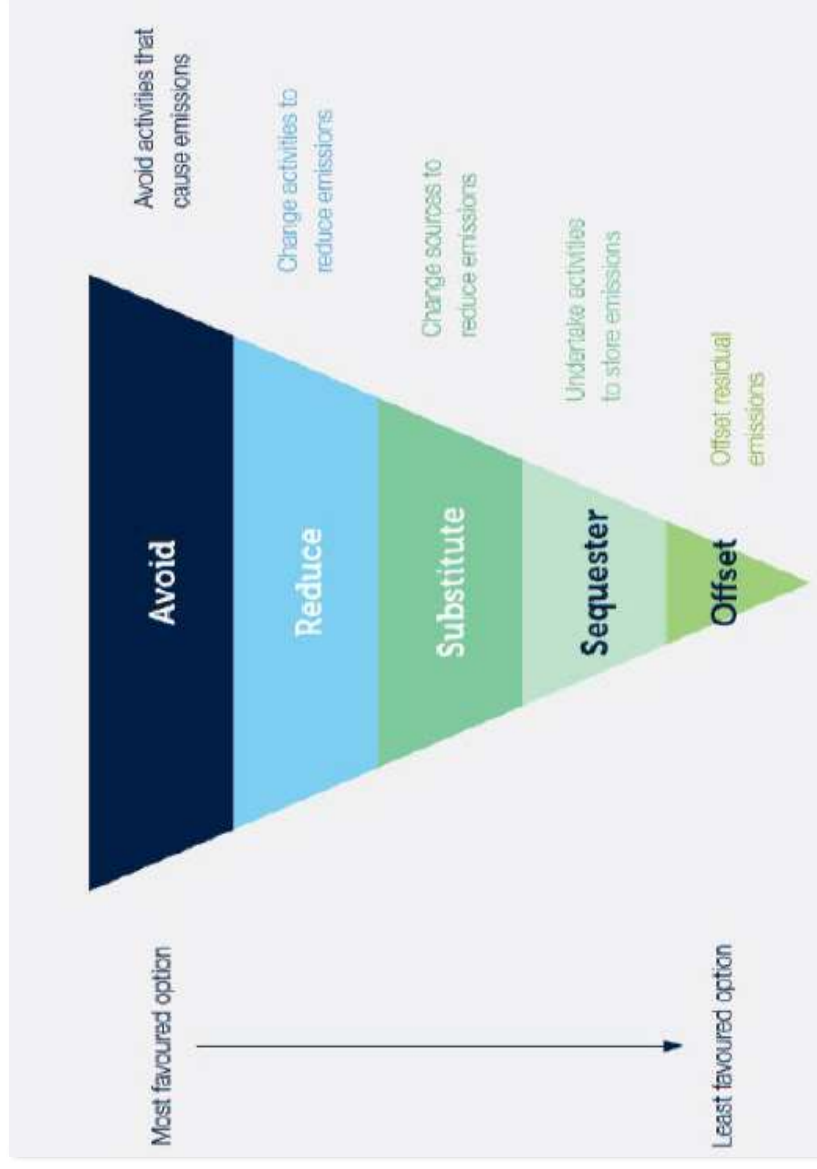
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- **Direct and indirect greenhouse gas emission reductions likely / proposed to be achieved** - consider operational control boundaries, Scope 3 emissions can be included.
- **Scale of potential emissions reduction relative to baseline** - demonstrate how the project would make a material difference to current emissions.
- **Permanence of savings** – Demonstrate long-term emissions reduction, considering project permanence, future production plans, sequestration reliability and retention of stored carbon (e.g. CCUS).
- **Target cost of abatement** – demonstrate that the project aims to achieve emissions reduction at a competitive market cost.

Carbon Mitigation Hierarchy

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- Demonstrate how the project aligns with the Carbon Mitigation Hierarchy and the transition to net zero.
- Describe other activities undertaken by your business, to reduce emissions across the mitigation hierarchy and transition to net zero emissions.



MT2: Business case - 20%

Merit criterion	Weightage
1. Reducing emissions	30%
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5. Public good	15%

- **Detailed business case to prove the financial and technical viability of the project -** indicate total project cost, funding sought, other sources of funds and proportion of in-kind contribution.
- **Demonstrate your financial capacity to fund your contribution to the costs of the project** – for example: audited balance sheets, bank statements, letters confirming in-kind or financial contributions from partners, MOUs, applications to other grants.
- **Need for CIGP funding** – project status, costs-benefit analysis, and reliance on grant funding.
- **Likelihood of success** – demonstrate project’s technical feasibility.
- **Commitment to progress to the next stage** – for feasibility studies, commitment to proceed to build the project and for pilot projects, the ongoing viability of the project or moving to full-scale.

MT3: Ability to Deliver - 15%

Merit criterion	Weightage
1. Reducing emissions	30%
2. Business case	20%
3. Ability to deliver	15%
4. Innovation and potential for wider adoption	20%
5. Public good	15%

- Technical and management capability and expertise of the applicant.
- Roles of project partners and the status of any relevant agreements between project partners, including the level of involvement of one or more heavy industry partners in the project.
- Governance structure and/or organisation structure for delivery of the project.
- Comprehensive project plan, including milestones, resources, budget, governance and readiness to deliver.
- Risk register template.
- Ability to secure required approvals and permits.
- Insurance arrangements for project risks and liabilities.

MT4: Innovation and potential for wider adoption - 20%

Merit criterion	Weightage
1. Reducing emissions	30%
2. Business case	20%
3. Ability to deliver	15%
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- Project innovation – Novel technologies, processes or approaches beyond current industry practice.
- Potential for broader uptake and multiplying emissions reduction.
- Potential to reduce technology costs and improve future project viability without grant support.
- Potential emissions abatement through widespread technology adoption
- Potential for further research or studies arising from the project.
- An assessment of project competitiveness relative to alternative technologies and approaches.
- Benefits to heavy industry and mitigating hard-to-abate emissions.

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MT5: Public Good – 15%

- Knowledge sharing – Extent and quality of project information to be publicly shared to build capability, support learning, and demonstrate new technologies or processes.
- Economic development – Economic benefits to WA through job creation, employment, and new industries or business practices.
- Environmental co-benefits of the project, such as reduced pollution, resource consumption, climate adaptation/resilience, and/or biodiversity outcomes.
- Economic participation and development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people supporting Aboriginal knowledge-seeking and decision-making, capacity building, and employment.

Merk criterion	Weightage
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How to apply via SmartyGrants portal

- Applicant Guidelines – Refer section 2.4 and click on the SmartyGrants link - <https://dwer-env.smartygrants.com.au/>

2.4 Application forms and templates

Applicants must submit their applications via the department's grants portal ([SmartyGrants](#)) for the program.

There are also two Microsoft Excel templates that must be completed and uploaded with the application:

- Financial Model template
- Risk Register template

Both templates can be downloaded from the [Carbon Innovation Grants Program](#) webpage and should be attached in SmartyGrants.

Information included in the templates will be used to assess the grant merit criteria. You can view the [help guide for applicants](#) and [frequently asked questions \(FAQ's\)](#) on the SmartyGrants website should you encounter any problems.

How to apply via SmartyGrants portal

- The SmartyGrants link - <https://dwer-env.smartygrants.com.au/> direct you to SmartyGrants homepage.
- Refer to **Current Rounds** to find the application links to the two funding streams
- Click on the funding stream you are interested to apply for.



Carbon Innovation Grants Program Round 3 - Feasibility Study



Submissions are now being accepted. Submissions close at 5:00pm 11 December 2026 (AWST).

IMPORTANT: Please read information below to assist you in completing your application online.

Before you begin

Welcome to the [Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's](#) online grant application service, powered by [SmartyGrants](#).

If this is the first time you are applying using SmartyGrants, click 'Start a Submission', then 'Register here'.

Click here [Carbon Innovation Grants Program](#), [Western Australian Government](#) to view the guidelines.

For queries about the guidelines, deadlines, or questions in the form, please contact us on (08) 6364 7376 during business hours (Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm) or email carbongrants@dwer.wa.gov.au and quote your submission number.

If you need help using this form, download the [Help Guide for Applicants](#) or check out [Applicant FAQs](#).

Navigating (moving through) the application form

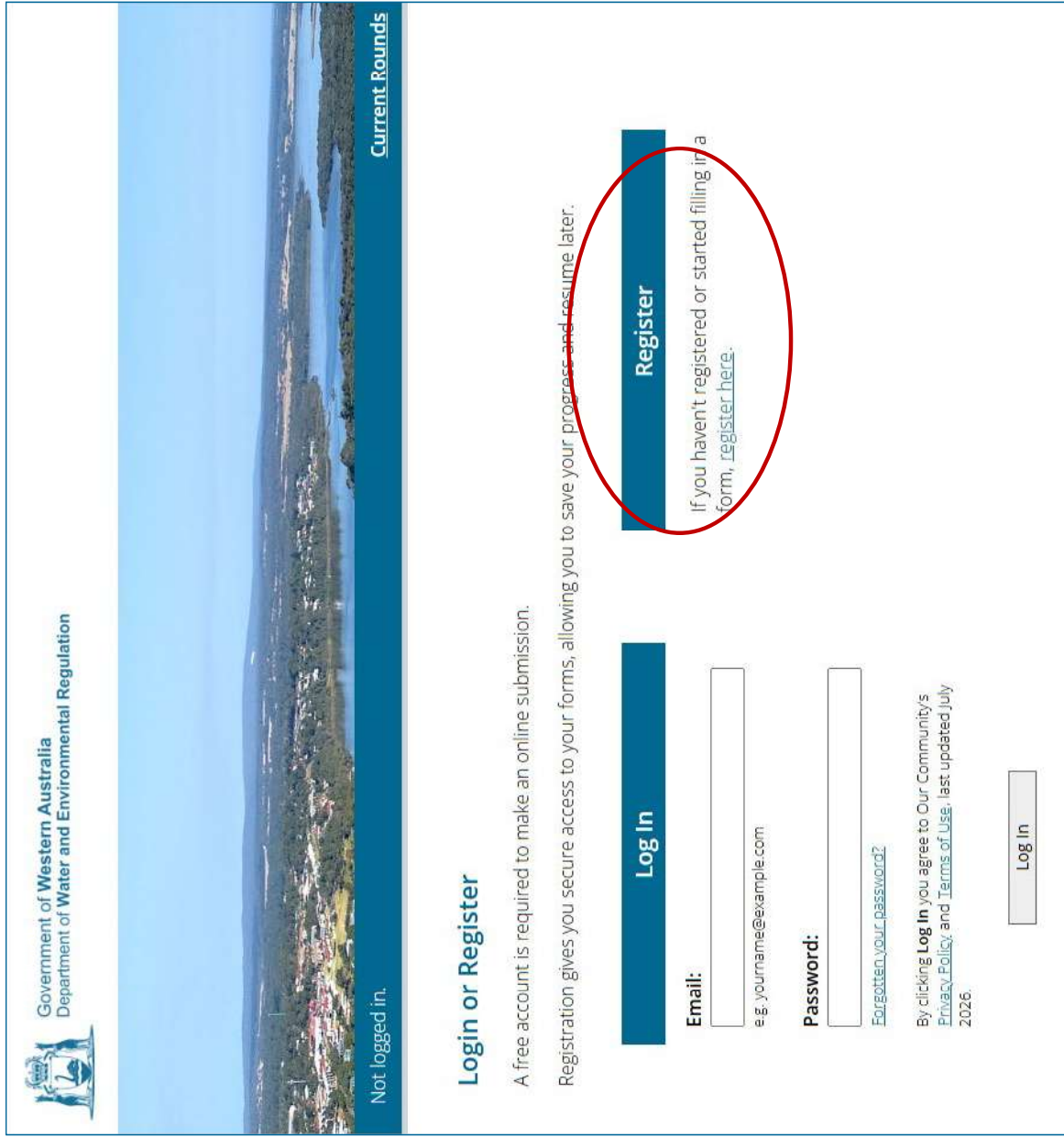
On every screen (page of the form) you will find a Form Navigation contents box, this links directly to every page of the application. Click the link to jump directly to the page you want.

SmartyGrants application process

- Click “Start a submission” and you will be directed to login page.

SmartyGrants application process

- Once you click “start a submission, you will be directed to login page.
- If you already have SmartyGrants account, you can use your credentials to login
- If you don’t have a SmartyGrants account, you can register using “**register here**”



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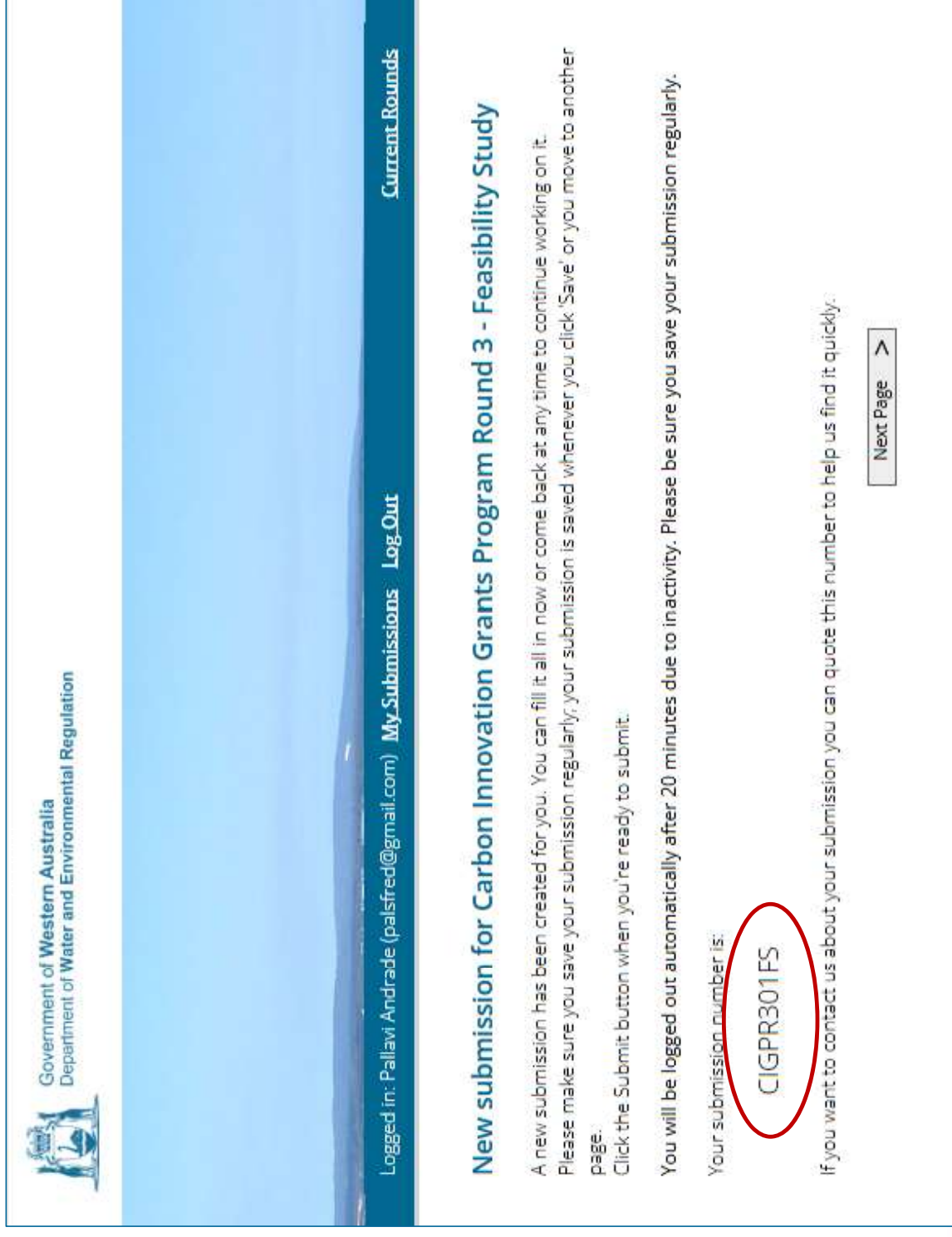
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Register

If you haven't registered or started filling in a form, [register here](#).

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- Once you login, you will be directed to this page and get your application number or submission number.
- Mention this number when you discuss your queries with us.



The screenshot shows the SmartyGrants application process page. At the top, there is a header with the Government of Western Australia logo and the text "Government of Western Australia Department of Water and Environmental Regulation". Below the header, there is a navigation bar with the text "Logged in: Pallavi Andrade (palsfred@gmail.com) My Submissions Log Out". The main content area has a blue background with a white box containing the text "New submission for Carbon Innovation Grants Program Round 3 - Feasibility Study". Below this, there is a message: "A new submission has been created for you. You can fill it all in now or come back at any time to continue working on it. Please make sure you save your submission regularly; your submission is saved whenever you click 'Save' or you move to another page. Click the Submit button when you're ready to submit." Below this message, there is a warning: "You will be logged out automatically after 20 minutes due to inactivity. Please be sure you save your submission regularly." Below the warning, there is a text field labeled "Your submission number is:" with the value "CIGPR301FS" entered. Below the text field, there is a button labeled "Next Page >".

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If you want to contact us about your submission you can quote this number to help us find it quickly.

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- Read the application information provided on the first page.
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Review and Submit

1. Feasibility Study Program Overview

Feasibility Study Funding Objectives

The aim of the Carbon Innovation Grants Program (CIGP / the Program) is to support Western Australian (WA) heavy industries to transition to net zero emissions, in accordance with the [WA Climate Policy](#). CIGP funds feasibility studies that support technologies and methods to progress from concept to real world trials.

Funding:

CIGP provides the following grant funding support for feasibility studies:

- The **minimum funding** per application is **\$50,000**.
- The **maximum funding** available for individual projects is **\$500,000**.
- The **maximum proportion** of eligible costs for individual projects that can be contributed by the program in a competitive round is **50%**.

Objectives:

Objectives of the program are:

- **Reduce** carbon emissions from heavy industry processes in WA.
- **Support** the development of innovative technologies for carbon abatement and sequestration.
- **Maximise** co-benefits for the environment and the WA economy.
- **Increase** the supply of carbon credits, to enable heavy industry to offset residual emissions (optional).

Applications:

Remember to save your application regularly as SmartyGrants system times out every 20 minutes.

Applications for funding will be assessed against the applicant and project eligibility criteria and merit criteria outlined in the [CIGP Applicant Guidelines](#). Applicants are advised to read the

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- Ensure to save your work every 20 minutes as the portal times out and you may lose your work.
- Download the Financial Model template and Risk Register template from the CIGP website.

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2. Applicant Details

* Indicates a required field.

2.1 Business Registration AE1/Eligible Entities AEZ

2.1.1 Legal name of entity *

This is the legal name of the of the applicant. Entry will be referred to as applicant or organisation throughout this application form.

2.1.2 Registered business name *

If this is the same as the above, please retype the legal name of entity, do not type the words "same as above".

2.1.3 Postal Address *

Address line 1
Enter a location

Address line 2

Suburb/TownStatePostcode

2.1.4 Responsible person *

TitleFirst nameLast name

The person with delegated authority to approve that this application can be submitted. This is usually the CEO, CFO, CDO, Director or person described in section 1.27 of the Corporations Act 2001.

2.1.5 Responsible person position *

This is the responsible persons job title.

How to apply via SmartyGrants portal

- The Section 9.1 Application Checklist must be completed, confirming all supporting documents are attached, before an application can be submitted.
- Review your application before you submit, as you won't be able to edit the application once submitted*.
- If you have missed any information, a prompt will pop-up highlighting the missing information.
- Once you successfully submit the application, you will receive an automated email confirmation.
- Contact carbongrants@dwer.wa.gov.au if you do not receive confirmation or face technical issues to submit the application.

*If you submit the application before the due date, and you need to edit it then you can email carbongrants@dwer.wa.gov.au and request to reopen the application. But requests to reopen applications after the closing date, will not be considered.

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9. Application Checklist and supporting documentation

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9.1 Applications checklist

Before you submit your application, please ensure you have provided all the relevant information, followed all instructions and uploaded all relevant supporting documentation. Incomplete or incorrect applications may be deemed ineligible.

If your application has been successfully submitted, you will receive an automated email as confirmation that your completed application has been received.

If you do not receive this email, or experience any difficulties submitting your application, please contact the CIGS team at carbongrants@dwer.wa.gov.au as soon as possible prior to the closing date.

The applicant confirms they have:

- ☐ Read and understood the Carbon Innovation Grants Program - Applicant guidelines.
- ☐ Included all details of project funding in the application
- ☐ Completed all relevant fields in the form
- ☐ All budget details are correct and all amounts are exclusive of GST
- ☐ Provided a copy of the Financial Model
- ☐ Provided a detailed Risk Register for the project
- ☐ Provided a copy of the Business Case
- ☐ Provided quotes, certificates of insurance, project approvals where required
- ☐ The application is completed by an Authorised Officer

9.2 Additional Supporting Material:

If applicable, please attach any additional supporting material (not captured elsewhere) here.

Please click [here](#) for a list of supported file types.

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Key dates

Financial model webinar

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Application closing date

- Friday, 11 December 2026 by 5:00pm (AWST)

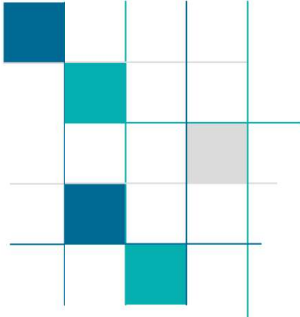
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- Early to mid 2027

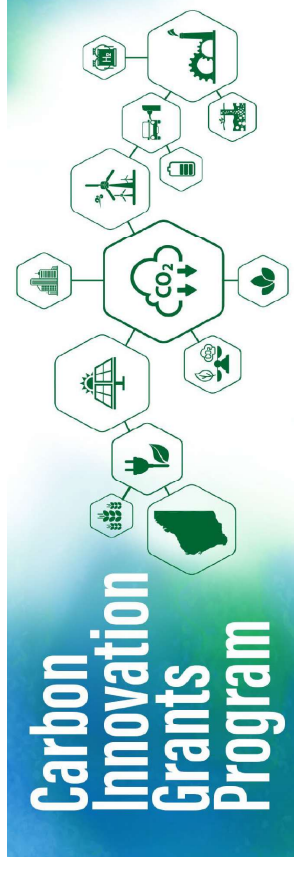


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Questions & Answers



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