

Power\$mart Businesses

INFORMATION SHEET



Energy costs make up a significant proportion of the operating costs of Tasmanian businesses.

Improved energy efficiency can help lower your power bills, protect against future energy price rises, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Funding is available from the Tasmanian Government to audit your business energy use and help find ways to reduce it.

This funding is an action as part of the Tasmanian Government's *Climate Action 21: Tasmania's Climate Change Action Plan 2017-2021*.

WHAT IS POWER\$MART BUSINESSES?

Power\$mart Businesses provides funding to carry out energy efficiency audits, using a panel of energy efficiency experts. The audits will help your business to make informed decisions about reducing energy use, improving energy efficiency, and accessing further funding.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet's Tasmanian Climate Change Office (TCCO) manages this Program.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

On completion of the energy efficiency audit, you will receive a detailed report showing where you can save money on your business's energy costs.

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

Funding of \$150,000 is available for a limited number of audits each year, until June 2020 or until the allocated funds are exhausted. Applicants who are not successful in the current year can remain on the waiting list for the following year's funding.

The Tasmanian Government will cover 70 per cent of the cost of the audit. Businesses will need to contribute the remaining 30 per cent.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligible organisations must be Tasmanian businesses and meet the eligibility criteria set out in the Power\$mart Businesses Guidelines.

HOW WILL FUNDING DECISIONS BE MADE?

The TCCO will choose the successful applications, based on:

- how well the application meets the eligibility criteria;
- the availability of Tasmanian Government funding; and
- TCCO's commitment to support a diverse range of businesses.

HOW DO I APPLY?

You will need to complete a short application form and provide a copy of your electricity bills for the past 12 months. To quote accurately on your application, we might need to contact you or arrange a site visit. The Power\$mart Businesses Guidelines and forms are available on the Tasmanian Climate Change Office website: www.climatechange.tas.gov.au.

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