



Energy Efficient Communities Program Food and Beverage Manufacturing Business Grants

Energy saving grants for food and beverage manufacturing businesses

Small and medium food and beverage manufacturing businesses can apply for grants of up to \$25,000 for energy savings projects through this \$19.9 million Australian Government initiative. Grants will support these businesses to reduce their energy costs, reinvest in their business and create local jobs.

Who can apply?

Small and medium sized food and beverage manufacturing businesses with 1 to 199 employees.

What are the grants for?

To help small and medium food and beverage manufacturing businesses improve their energy efficiency, through projects such as:

- replacing equipment like a refrigerator with a more efficient unit, a boiler with a heat pump, or a steam steriliser with a UV steriliser
- modifying existing systems to run more efficiently like installing variable speed drives on pumps, installing heat recovery, or automatic controls
- undertaking energy management activities, energy audits and engineering feasibility studies
- investing in energy monitoring and management systems.

Please see the grant guidelines for a full list of eligible projects.

How much are the grants?

From \$10,000 to \$25,000 with no co-contribution required.

When do applications open and close?

The grant opens on 12 January 2022 and close 3 March 2022. This grant opportunity is demand driven. Applications may close earlier if state/territory funding limits are exhausted sooner.

Where can I get more information?

Further details including grant guidelines and application forms are available on business.gov.au or by phoning 13 28 46.

Other Australian Government assistance

Business Energy Advice Program – Small business with between 6 and 20 employees can get free, independent, tailored energy advice at businessenergyadvice.com.au. Drought affected businesses with 0-20 employees can also access the service.

Businesses can also find advice to manage their energy costs at energy.gov.au.

Manufacturers can use the [food and beverage energy tool](#) to learn where they can improve their energy efficiency.