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AMRCCE ZERO The Revolving Fund

Apply for a project loan

The AMRCCE ZERO Fund provides interest-free loans to help fund climate projects in the Shire of Augusta Margaret River in cases where the up-front capital cost is a barrier.

We welcome loan applications for projects at the premises of non-profit organisations that provide tangible community benefits, but also for other entities if the proposed project has associated community or climate breakthrough benefits. We particularly welcome applications from organisations that are willing to assist with local awareness of their climate project.

Our interest-free loans and technical advice are intended to overcome the up-front cost and knowledge barriers to implementing cost-effective climate projects, so please do not apply IF your organisation can afford your intended project without our help.

Types of projects eligible for AMRCCE ZERO climate loans

- Renewable energy (e.g. rooftop solar PV if you have a mostly unshaded roof in good repair and no heritage listing)
- Energy efficiency measures (e.g. insulation, LED lighting, replacement of old inefficient appliances)
- Electric vehicles (difference in cost between a suitable EV and a petrol vehicle)
- Replacement of gas use with electric alternatives (e.g. for space heating, hot water, cooking, pool heating)
- Other cost-effective tangible climate-focused projects – contact us if you have something else in mind!

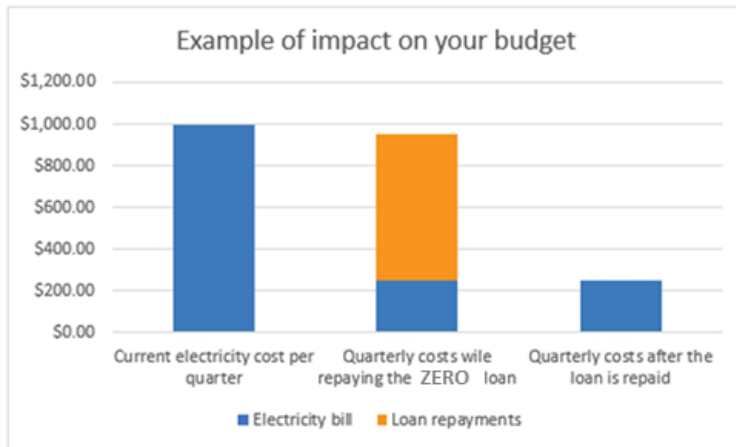
...or a combined package of two or more of the above.

To apply for a project loan, **please fill in and submit the online [Expression of Interest form](#)** (when the new website is developed). If you need to collect information from multiple sources, it might suit you better to [download](#) the *Expression of Interest* form and save it to your computer so that you can fill it in bit by bit. If so, please copy across the information to the online EOI form when you are ready to submit your application. In the interim please fill in the form that follows and [email it to us](#)

Note that we favour projects that represent cost-effective climate benefit and that 'pay for themselves' in a reasonable time (with your loan repayments to us covered by your savings on bills). Accordingly operational differences and the source of grid electricity supplied in your area might affect the type of project or project package for which we will offer you a loan.

Questions? Please [email us](#)

Impact on your budget



Example for a solar PV or energy efficiency project loan

You don't pay any interest on your AMRCCE ZERO loan, and the quarterly loan repayments are set to be a little less than the savings on your operating costs averaged over a year. This means you are never out of pocket, but you don't save much overall in the short-term. But after your loan is fully repaid you reap the full financial benefit of having lower operating costs.

Solar PV and energy efficiency projects typically 'pay for themselves' in 3-7 years. For electric vehicles or projects for getting off fossil gas, the payback time will depend heavily on the project details.

What happens after you submit the Expression of Interest form (below)?

First steps

- We check whether your application is suitable, based on your responses in the EOI form, and we may ask for more details from you.
- We then send you our loan agreement template so that you can see what you will eventually need to sign if your solar and/or energy efficiency and/or electric vehicle loan goes ahead.
- Please make sure your decision makers, including your Board, are familiar with the way AMRCCE ZERO loans work **and** have seen the loan agreement template, and that they **give 'in principle' approval to go ahead** subject to mutually satisfactory project/loan details being worked out. It is important to have their provisional approval at this stage since working out the project details requires time and effort from you as well as from AMRCCE.

Setting the project details

- For solar PV projects, applicants are required to obtain three quotes/indicative costing for the project from providers based in the Shire of Augusta Margaret River. Providers from outside the Shire will be considered where the necessary skills or service are not available locally, or where an outside business can provide a comparable service for at least 10% cheaper. Providers will be required to advise plans on how to remove and dispose of the installation at end of life. A list of acceptable solar panel brands can be found here <https://www.solarquotes.com.au/solar101.html#panelchart>
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- Please note that we insist on top quality products, and you must use an accredited installer.
- Once you and AMRCCE agree on the preferred project details, we will advise you of the expected savings on your power/fuel bills (conservative estimate) and suggest a slightly lower amount as the monthly/quarterly repayment instalment amount. If you are covering some of the cost yourself, the repayment instalment amount will take into account the proportion of the total cost covered by our loan.

Locking in your project

- At this stage, **please confirm approval from your Board for the proposed project details, its cost, the loan amount you require, and the repayment schedule.**
- We will then add your project to our funding queue. Putting you in our queue means AMRCCE commits to raising enough funds for your project and, once we reach the target amount, we will give you an interest-free loan to pay for your project. It also means that you are committed to the project (unless unforeseen problems arise). Note: the loan agreement is not signed until we have raised the target amount for your loan, but it looks very bad for us if you change your mind after we've started accepting donations specifically for your project.
- Once we start raising the funds for your loan, we appreciate any efforts you can make to raise the local profile of your project. This will depend on what suits your organisation, but might be a mention in your newsletter, a poster in your window, a donation jar at your front desk, or an article in a local newspaper.

Final steps

- When we are close to reaching the funding target for your project, we'll ask you to sign the loan agreement with us (and book in an install date if your project involves a solar PV installation). We then send you the loan cheque so you can pay for the project.
- Finally, you just need to send us photos of the work-in-progress and the completed project, or a photo of the vehicle you have purchased, for display on our website so that the people who have donated can see what their money has achieved!



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Please submit this form if your organisation would like to apply for an AMRCCE ZERO interest free loan to pay for a community climate project within the Shire of AMR and email info@amrcce.com.au

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 - Replacement of gas use with electric alternatives (e.g. for space heating, hot water, cooking, pool heating)
 - Other cost-effective tangible climate-focused projects - contact us if you have something else in mind!
- ...or a combined package of two or more of the above. If applying for a solar PV project, please also fill in the gas replacement section of this form if you use gas at your premises. If you are generating your own carbon free (and free) energy on your roof, it doesn't make climate sense to continue to use gas when you could be using your new solar generation instead.

Note that we favour projects that represent cost-effective climate benefit and that 'pay for themselves' in a reasonable time (with our loan repayments covered by your savings on bills).

BEFORE FILLING IN THIS FORM - look through all the questions and collect the information you will need to complete this form. For example, you may need to refer to tariff and usage information in your electricity and gas bills from the last year or check your vehicle usage records. Please answer all questions as fully as you can. If you wish to discuss eligibility before completing this EOI form, you can email us at info@amrcce.com.au

Expression of Interest form

Overview of energy and/or vehicle use

Please answer all questions in this section to give us an overview of your operations. Subsequent sections can be answered or skipped in accordance with your preferred type of project.

NOTE: These few overview questions are VERY important, but we've not set them as being mandatory so that you can move freely between different sections and see all the information we require before you begin. All questions set as mandatory, like the name and contact details for your organisation, are in the last section of this form.

Please tell us about your electricity use. Is it grid electricity, or do you already have solar PV or buy some sort of 'green' electricity?

Please tell us about your gas use (if any). Is it mains gas or bottled gas? And what do you use it for (e.g. space heating, hot water, cooking, pool heating)?

Please tell us about your vehicle use (if any). Does your organisation own or lease vehicles? How many? What are they used for?

Are you interested in a loan for a solar PV and/or energy efficiency project?

Yes

No - skip to questions for gas replacement projects

No - skip to questions for electric vehicle projects

Solar PV and energy efficiency

Please answer the questions in this section as best you can if you are seeking a loan for a solar PV installation and/or energy efficiency measures.

Who owns your premises?

Lease duration (if premises are leased)

Do you have permission from the owner?

Indicate permission for desired solar installation and/or energy efficiency work (if premises are leased)

Do you need local council approval for installing solar panels, or for installing panels on tilt frames?

Heritage site or precinct?

Is your building heritage listed or in a heritage precinct?

Site checked by installer?

Have you had a site visit to check suitability of your premises for a solar installation or energy efficiency upgrade?

Roof material, orientation, and slope

Roof shading

How much shading, if any? What time of day is it shaded?

Roof condition

Any repairs needed before installing solar?

Condition of existing wiring

Is any new electrical work, other than standard electrical work for a solar installation, required before installing solar?

Multiple buildings or meters?

If you have multiple buildings or meter boxes, please indicate which buildings or areas are serviced by each meter box.

Single-phase or 3-phase meter(s)?

Capacity in amps of your meter(s)

Have your premises had an energy efficiency evaluation?

If so, please enter details and email us a copy of the energy efficiency report.

Identified energy efficiency opportunities

List any energy efficiency measures you would like to implement.

Do you have outside security lighting?

If your electricity usage includes electricity used for security lighting, please indicate the number of lights, type, and Watts.

Solar hot water?

If you want to install solar hot water as part of this project, please tell us about your current hot water usage and existing system.

What electrical appliances and lights are used during daylight hours?

List everything that uses electricity during the hours solar panels are generating electricity, and note any particularly high usage of appliances.

Operating hours of your premises

Electricity provider and applicable rates

Name of provider, peak and off peak rates, summer and winter rates, and feed-in-tariff

Local network solar regulations and restrictions

Enter any local or state regulations, or restrictions imposed by your electricity provider, that will affect a solar PV installation at your premises.

Electricity usage over last year

Enter details from your electricity bills over the last year, showing quarterly/monthly usage at each rate (peak, off-peak, summer/winter, etc) and the quarterly/monthly and annual totals for each. OR, please scan and send us copies of your bills over the last year. Send scans to info@amrce.com.au

Percentage of usage in daytime

Your best guess at what percentage of your electricity use is in daytime hours

Differences between summer and winter electricity use

If you already have quotes for a solar installation and/or energy efficiency measures, please tell us about them below AND SEND US COPIES OF THE QUOTE(S).

Applicants are required to obtain three quotes/indicative costing for the project from providers based in the Shire of Augusta Margaret River. Providers from outside the Shire will be considered where the necessary skills or service are not available locally, or where an outside business can provide a comparable service for at least 10% cheaper. Providers will be required to advise plans on how to remove and dispose of the installation at end of life.

A list of acceptable solar panel brands can be found here <https://www.solarquotes.com.au/solar101.html#panelchart>

A list of acceptable inverters can be found here <https://www.solarquotes.com.au/inverters/>

Are you interested in a loan for replacing gas use with efficient electric appliances?

Yes

No - skip to questions for electric vehicle projects

No - I've finished. Go to 'About your organisation'

Replacing gas use

Please answer the questions in this section as best you can if you are seeking a loan to replace gas use with efficient electrical appliances.

Gas amount used annually (MJ), and type of gas (mains gas or bottled)

What gas is used for, the relative proportion for each use, and the type and brand of the gas appliances.

Gas provider, usage rates (\$/MJ), and supply charge

Gas usage over last year

Enter details from your gas bills over the last year, showing quarterly/monthly usage at each rate and the quarterly/monthly and annual totals for each. OR, please scan and send us copies of your bills over the last year. Send scans to info@amrcce.com.au

Are you interested in a loan to cover the cost difference between an EV and a petrol vehicle?

Yes

No - go back to Solar PV section

No - I've finished. Go to 'About your organisation'

Electric vehicles

Please answer the questions in this section as best you can if you are seeking a loan to cover the difference in cost between an EV and a petrol vehicle.

Do you own or lease your vehicles?

Please enter the types of vehicles you use, what you use them for, and the times of day they are typically in use.

For each type of vehicle/use, please indicate how many kilometres it travels per year and the annual fuel cost.

Please enter details of the EV that best suits your purpose (if known).

Have you finished entering all answers relevant to you?

Yes - take me to 'About your organisation'

No - go back to Solar PV section

No - go back to the gas replacement section

Applicant Organisation

* Required

Tell us about your organisation

Organisation name *

Organisation ABN *

Address of premises *

Service or amenity *

Tell us about the benefits your organisation provides to the community

Website address *

Facebook or blog address

Organisation type *

e.g. incorporated non-profit organisation, for-profit entity, non-profit company, etc

Who will sign the loan agreement? *

Names and position of the 2 people who have authority to sign contracts

Person filling in this EOI form *

Enter name, phone, and role within organisation

Email address of person filling in this EOI form *

How did you hear about AMRCCE?

Local liaison contact details

Is a member of AMRCCE or of a local environment group helping to organise this project? If so, please enter their name and email address.

Are you seeking full or part funding? *

If your organisation will be partly funding the project, indicate how much of the overall cost you will cover.

Are you registered for GST? *

If you are registered for GST and can temporarily cover the GST component until it is refunded to you, we will be able to raise the funding for your loan sooner than otherwise

No

Yes, and we will cover the GST component of the project cost

Yes, but we would like the AMRCCE loan to cover the GST component

Other:

Additional info about applicant

Anything else you want to tell us about your organisation or yourself

What do you hope to achieve via a AMRCCE climate project loan? *

Tell us what you want (eg. solar PV, and/or other specific GHG reduction measures). If you already have a detailed plan, please include project details and costs (or email quotes to info@amrcce.com.au), and tell us how much you want us to lend you.

DOUBLE CHECKING! Have you answered the Overview questions at the start of this form? If not, please scroll back to the top of this form and do so, then come back to this question and write Yes and send this info@amrcce.com.au