

Climate Change Innovation Grants

Supporting Victorian organisations to be local leaders in the development of innovative solutions to climate change challenges



\$3.8 million in competitive grants funding for innovative climate change mitigation and adaptation projects across Victoria, with a focus on regional areas. Successful projects will receive \$50,000-\$300,000 in funding.

Eligibility

Projects must meet the following mandatory eligibility criteria:

1. support innovative action to either reduce emissions or manage the impacts of climate change;
2. facilitate collaboration between communities and/or government and/or business and/or research through project partnerships of two or more organisations; and
3. demonstrate economic relevance to the region in which activities will take place.

Project proposals need to ensure that the timeline and duration of the proposed innovation aligns with timelines of the Victorian Climate Change Innovation Grants. Projects must be complete by December 2019.

Who can apply?

Applications are encouraged from:

- community organisations
- local businesses
- research and industry focused organisations
- tertiary or vocational education institutions
- non-government organisations
- local government in collaboration with other partners

Preference will be given to projects that demonstrate collaboration between two or more partners.

Project Categories

Three broad project categories have been identified:

Explore: seed funding to help organisations with an innovative concept to develop products, deliver programs or projects that support mitigation and/or adaptation

Show: funding to pilot, trial or demonstrate innovative solutions to the social, economic and environmental impacts of climate change

Grow: funding to enable organisations and groups to upscale innovative approaches to increase capacity to deal with the challenges of climate change

Marketplace Events

A series of marketplace events will be held across Victoria in September and October 2017 to discuss regional climate change priorities and learn more about the Climate Change Innovation grants program.

To register your interest in the Climate Change Innovation grants and Marketplace events
email: vccci.info@delwp.vic.gov.au

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Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed for their capacity to deliver value for money and transformative benefits for Victoria against the following criteria:

1. **Proposals need to address climate change** - Will the project aid communities to address challenges of climate change? How suitable, feasible and timely is the project?
2. **Innovation** – Will the project explore new and innovative ways to manage social, economic and environmental effects of climate change or develop new, innovative technology? Will it investigate/apply different approaches to aid adaptation to or mitigation of the effects of climate change?
3. **Contribution to building capability within Victoria to tackle Climate Change**- Will the project improve or contribute to building capability (experience and capacity) to address climate change challenges and opportunities.
4. **Regional benefit** – Can the project demonstrate the potential for long term sustainable outcomes and reduce the impact of climate change in the region in which the project takes place, or contribute to a development that does?

Timeline

Sept 2017	Grants open
Sept-Oct 2017	Marketplace events held
Oct-Nov 2017	Application development support
Nov 2017	Grants close
Dec 2017	Applications assessed
Jan 2018	Recipients announced
	Project activities commence
	Monitoring and evaluation
Dec 2019	Projects complete

Virtual Centre for Climate Change Innovation (VCCCI)

The Climate Change Innovation grants funding is part of the Virtual Centre for Climate Change Innovation. The Virtual Centre program has been established to strengthen Victoria's role as a climate change leader and to foster innovative approaches and collaboration between businesses, industry, researchers and government to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change.

The purpose of these grants is to support Victorian organisations to be local leaders in the development of innovative solutions to the challenges of climate change. The grants program is designed to:

- foster action, innovation and collaboration between businesses, industry, researchers and government to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change; and
- drive greater investment into high impact innovations that will enable our communities, environment and businesses to be prosperous in the face of climate change.

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