

Frequently Asked Questions

Latrobe Valley Energy and Growth Program Stage 2

No.	Question	Response
1	What is the purpose of the grant program?	<p>The objective of the \$1.98 million Latrobe Valley Energy and Growth Program Stage 2 is to support the delivery of a broad range of renewable energy project(s) at various stages of implementation.</p> <p>Up to \$1.98 million is available in grants funding under this program. Projects may seek the full \$1.98 million, however, projects seeking a funding amount of up to \$500,000 will be considered more favourably. Projects should demonstrate they will support some, or all, of the following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the uptake of renewable energy projects; • Create and support renewable energy jobs in the Latrobe Valley. • Build capacity through research, feasibility studies, and business cases for renewable energy projects in the Latrobe Valley. • Commission technical, regulatory, legal and/or contractual advice or services to support the planning and implementation of renewable energy projects in the Latrobe Valley. • Utilise local content i.e. skills and services in the Latrobe Valley¹; and • Deliver social, economic, and environmental benefits to communities and businesses in the Latrobe Valley. <p>All projects must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be located in the Latrobe Valley¹; and • Be completed by 15 December 2022.
2	Who can apply for funding?	<p>In addition to meeting the program objectives organisations must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to demonstrate that the organisation has at least three years operating history and/or can provide two years of audited financial statements; and • Have an Australian Business Number (ABN). <p>Matched funding is not required; however, applicants must have secured or have a plan to secure a cash contribution towards the project (minimum of 5%). Applications with higher funding contributions will be viewed favourably.</p>
3	What type of projects will not be considered for funding?	<p>Grant funding provided by the Latrobe Valley Energy and Growth Program Stage 2 will not fund:</p>

¹ The Latrobe Valley is defined as the local government areas of Latrobe City, Baw Baw, and Wellington Shires.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land acquisition; • Routine or ongoing maintenance works; • Non-renewable generation technologies; • Recurrent operating costs; or • Salaries.
4	When will the funding be available?	Funding will be available to the successful applicant, subject to the terms of the Funding Agreement.
5	Are grant funds taxable?	Successfully funded projects will be offered funding as a GST exclusive amount. However, for organisations with an ABN and who are GST registered, payment will be made GST inclusive. It is the responsibility of applicants to understand their tax obligations including GST.
6	What are the minimum and maximum amounts of funding available for individual projects?	Up to \$1.98 million is available in grants funding under this program. Projects may seek the full \$1.98 million, however, projects seeking a funding amount of up to \$500,000 will be considered more favourably. There is no minimum funding requirement.
7	Is there a co-funding requirement?	Matched funding is not required; however, applicants must have secured or have a plan to secure a cash contribution towards the project (minimum of 5%). Applications with higher funding contributions will be viewed favourably.
8	How long do successful applicants have, to complete their projects	Successful applicants must complete their project by 15 December 2022.
9	How can applicants apply?	Applications must be received by the department no later than 30 November 2021 . Applications will only be received between the published opening and closing dates. The link to the online portal can be found at https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/new-energy-technologies
10	When will applicants be notified?	Ongoing – depending on date on application, anticipate between September 2021 to February 2022.
11	Why is there an LVEGP-2 program?	The Latrobe Valley Energy and Growth Program Stage 2 is designed to provide support to broad range of renewable energy projects at various stages of development – from research and feasibility, through to implementation.