

Guidance Note 2

CEO Grants Program

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Energy Consumers Australia (ECA) CEO Grants Program is a small grants sub-program providing capped funding at \$15,000 (ex GST) to applicants for the purposes of consumer engagement or international scholarship.

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The CEO Grants Program will support and accommodate advocates' engagement in government, regulatory, and or industry decision making processes, recognising the need for consumers to respond within short timeframes.

Applications for this grant must be able to show that the matter is urgent or time-constrained and could not reasonably have been anticipated or planned for, within the normal timelines for the Grants Program.

Examples of projects that could be funded include:

- engaging a consultant to provide technical or specialist expertise for a submission.
- undertaking research to inform and support future advocacy; and
- funding for reasonable travel costs (flights, accommodation, ground transport but not sitting fees) to engage in government, regulatory and industry forums relating to that process, and where video conferencing is not provided

Information on previous CEO Grants can be found by accessing the [Grants Archive](#) on Energy Consumers Australia's website.

To apply for a CEO Grant, the applicant must be proposing to undertake a work program, or participate in engagement, that:

- Builds knowledge and/or sectoral capacity supporting policy development and consumer education in the National Energy Market.
- Supports energy advocacy, which is designed to influence or create change that improves the long- term outcomes of electricity and gas consumers.
- Considers how the project or engagement will achieve impact or influence.

Further guidance on the approach to advocacy and research projects in the Grants Program can be found [here](#), or contact ECA.

For further information

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