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Dear Hon Mark Butler MP

The Liberal National Government will launch the *Community Energy Efficiency and Solar Grants 2020* on 2 April 2020, as part of our \$40 million Energy Efficient Communities Program. This grant opportunity will deliver up to \$3.775 million in grants to help not-for-profit community groups.

Community organisations can apply for a grant of up to \$12,500 for energy generation and storage projects and for other energy efficiency projects, with no co-contribution required. A community organisation could, for example, install solar panels on their facility or undertake other efficiency measures to save on their electricity bills in these difficult times.

To ensure this funding is spread equitably across Australia, two grants per electorate will be awarded. Grants will be awarded to eligible applicants on a first-come first-served basis.

Eligible applicants include incorporated, not-for-profit community groups, such as, community owned kindergartens, welfare centres, community centres, women's associations, men's sheds, community owned childcare centres, community sporting clubs, Scout and Guide groups, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community groups, and surf lifesaving clubs. Country Fire Authorities and Rural Fire Services (or equivalent in each state or territory) will also be eligible.

Full details of the eligibility requirements and how to apply will be set out for community organisations in the guidelines. These will be available from business.gov.au when released.

Once the *Community Energy Efficiency and Solar Grants 2020* guidelines are released, further information on the Energy Efficient Communities Program will be available from business.gov.au online and by telephone on 13 28 46. Assistance is available from 8am to 8pm, Monday to Friday, to help organisations get relevant information and apply.

Yours sincerely,

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