



## WEL Energy Trust \$500,000 Vital Impact (Housing) Grants Round

### Information

Thank you for your interest in the WEL Energy Trust's \$500,000 one-off special grants round targeted to support organisational initiatives that address issues around the affordability, availability and quality of housing.

The Trust's 2019-2022 Community Investment Strategy includes a priority for action towards SDG11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities:

***To promote innovative thinking and collaborative action to enhance access to affordable, quality housing, including social housing and rental accommodation.***

This special grant aligns with this objective and the funding is available to seed or contribute to a creative response towards addressing local housing issues.

***Closing date for applications is Friday 18 October 2019 (6.00pm).***

### Eligibility, Criteria and Priorities

- Eligible organisations – Not for Profit charitable organisations that are located or primarily operating in the WEL Energy Trust [region](#).
- Organisations already receiving funding from the WEL Energy Trust may apply with no impact on existing grants.
- The preference is for proposals that specifically target initiatives that will make a difference and contribute to a solution to housing issues, and prevent adverse issues arising.
- Funding is available for a wide range of purposes (salaries, capital, operating costs, etc), but must relate to the achievement of specific overall outcomes.
- Preference is for some fresh thinking and to seed or contribute to a creative response that will begin to shift the dial in the housing support area.
- Expressions of Interest (EOI) will be considered by the Trust, and a shortlist of organisations will be invited to submit applications and discuss their proposals with the Trust.
- Collaborative applications are encouraged, especially ones that will maximise impact.
- The Trust is open to applications that include proposals for 'blended finance' where the grant could be combined with debt or equity investment for greater impact.
- Ideally proposals will be able to be leveraged and/or scaled for greater impact and to secure other funding and/or impact investment funds to achieve the goals.
- Funding will be distributed before 31 March 2020. The Trust reserves the right to not support any of the submitted proposals if it deems them to be unsuitable.