

Government funding programs – NSW

Name	Coverage	Eligibility	Size of the prize	Closing date	More information
Energy Savings Scheme (ESS)	Installation, improvement or replacement of energy saving equipment. Projects must utilise one of the ESS calculation methods to determine energy savings.	Available to all commercial and industrial sites in NSW.	Variable depending on the spot prices of Energy Savings Certificates (ESCs) and the volume of certificates generated (1 ESC = 1MWh). Spot prices were approximately \$18 at the time of writing.	Ongoing	More details are available from the ESS website
Energy Saver Program	Subsidised energy audits, implementation support, measurement and verification, and training programs are anticipated under the <i>Draft Plan to Save Money and Energy</i> .	Large businesses and SMEs in NSW.	Awaiting further information on the opportunities for business.	Ongoing	More details are available from Office of Environment and Heritage
Gas efficiency funding	Maintenance of gas equipment including replacement and repair of steam traps, stall lagging on steam and hot-water pipes, valves and tanks.	Businesses in NSW with an ABN using natural gas, LPG or biogas.	Up to \$10,000 in matched funding.	7 April 2017 (or earlier if funding is exhausted)	More details are available from Office of Environment and Heritage
Environmental Upgrade Agreements	Assist building owners to access secured, lower interest loans to improve the energy, water and environmental efficiency of existing commercial buildings (including renewable installations). Also provide a framework for tenants and owners to share the costs and efficiency gains.	Applicable to non-strata commercial buildings within specific Council areas. By mutual agreement between building owners, financiers, and tenants.	Financial benefits will vary but will be influenced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scale and nature of the efficiency or upgrade project • The differential between the organisation's cost of capital and the achieved financing rate. 	Ongoing - enabled through legislation	More details are available from Office of Environment and Heritage