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Grants program	LGA	Location	Applicant	Project name	Project summary	Amount allocated
Energy Resilience	Bass Coast	Kernot	Bass Coast Shire Council	Resilient business demonstration at Kernot General Store	This project is a collaboration between council, small business and the community. The Installation of islandable solar panels and battery storage means Kernot General Store can play a central role in local community resilience by providing essential services during power outages. This is an example of a project that can be replicated and scaled across other local government areas, allowing other small businesses to support their community's energy resilience.	$49,200.00
Energy Resilience	Bass Coast	San Remo	Free 3D Hands (small charitable business manufacturing hands and assistive devices)	Community power hub for extended power outages	By upgrading existing solar and battery infrastructure, 3D hands is helping strengthen energy resilience. During extended power outages, this infrastructure will support hundreds of residents on Phillip Island and surrounding regions by providing access to phone/device charging and Starlink guest internet.	$11,800.00
Energy Resilience	Bass Coast	Kilcunda	Kilcunda Community Association Incorporated	Energy Resilience for Kilcunda Community	Kilcunda is experiencing increasingly longer power outages due to storms. This is often worsened by the subsequent loss of access to cellular and internet communications. Kilcunda Community is working towards becoming a community emergency centre by installing solar power panels. Funding and assistance from the local council will also allow the installation of a solar battery and a satellite internet connection. An Energy Resilience Grant will fund a diesel generator to provide power when the solar generation is insufficient, allowing community members to access cooking, heating and cooling.	$10,100.00

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Energy Education and Literacy	Cardinia	Emerald	Emerald Village Association Inc.	Hills & Upper Beac Community Information Kit	Properties in the region are connected to Yarra Valley Water Pressure Sewer System, which requires power for maintenance. Many residents, particularly those new to the area are unaware of this. A new information kit will be accessible and promoted to residents for future reference. The team will work with surrounding townships and groups to help complete the project. This project is also an example of a support resource that can easily be replicated in other communities.	$17,000.00
Energy Education and Literacy	Cardinia	Cockatoo, Emerald, Gembrook	Recovery Ready Communities Inc	Emergency Safe Energy Resilience - Family Fun Day & Recruitment Drive	The Family Fun Day focusses on building the capacity of local families and residents to be prepared and self-reliant during an emergency and in the immediate aftermath. This involves a collaborative event in which Emerald & Cockatoo Support Teams (ECEST) can recruit and build on the critical work. This event, and subsequent volunteer training, will be led by the ECEST.	$21,840.00
Energy Education and Literacy	Casey	Casey	City of Casey	Energy Efficiency Awareness multilingual video	An educational video about energy efficiency will be produced and translated into Hindi, Hazaraghi and Sinhalese to address the gap in energy efficiency education among diverse groups. The multilingual approach means everyone can access and benefit from the information and enhances community awareness of energy-efficient practices. The video will be shown and distributed widely throughout local schools, community centres, council's social media platforms and websites.	$6,660.00
Energy Resilience	Casey	Fairhaven, Abourlea	Casey City Council	Community Facility Batteries for blackout & emergency support	Casey City Council currently doesn't have buildings that can operate during a blackout. This limits the ability to provide support to residents during extreme weather events. Installing solar batteries at two community facilities provides electricity for potentially several days in the event of a significant blackout. This will enable residents to access the building to charge devices, cook and obtain emergency services information or support from Council officers.	$50,000.00

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Energy Resilience	East Gippsland	Lakes Entrance	Australian Volunteer Coast Guard	Lakes Entrance Volunteer Coastguard - Energy Resilience Project 2024	A solar PV and battery system will be installed on the Coast Guard operational base in Lakes Entrance to provide a robust a power supply. This is so the base can continue to provide emergency services during supply outages, as well as a powered community shelter during natural disasters.	$28,000.00
Energy Resilience	East Gippsland	Mallacoota	Mallacoota and District Tool Library (known as MADTL)	Stand Alone Solar Power Supply for MADTL	Following the devastating bushfires in 2019/2020, where 123 homes were lost in Mallacoota, the Mallacoota and District Tool Library (MADTL) was established. MADTL loans tools and provides support to community members during severe weather events, natural disasters and supports recovery efforts. This helps develop community resilience in preparation for the next emergency event. Many of the tools are battery powered and need to be charged and maintained on site. Funding will provide a stand-alone power system with battery and fit out for the tool shed. In the event of emergency situations and power outages, community members will be able to access the tools required in recovery, and charge phones and other devices. The MADTL will work closely with local SES and other agencies in emergency situations.	$20,936.00
Energy Resilience	Mitchell	Clonbinane	Mitchell Shire Council	Powering a Resilient Clonbinane	Clonbinane Community Hall serves as a community centre that also functions as an important community hub following emergency events such as natural disasters, severe weather events and power outages. This project will install a battery system to support its solar system and reduce reliance on the grid during power outages and emergency events.	$15,000.00
Energy Resilience	South Gippsland	Poowong	Poowong Public Hall Inc	Collaboration of the Poowong Public Hall & Poowong Football Netball Club to provide emergency back-up power	This community wide project to install solar, batteries and generator back-up will provide power, heating and cooling, cooking, refrigeration and showers across both adjacent venues - the community hall and football netball clubrooms.	$49,975.00

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Energy Education and Literacy	Strathbogie	Avenel	Renewable Avenel Energy (RAE)	Avenel Switch Forum: Empowering our community through renewable energy education	The Avenel Switch Forum is a full day community initiative to educate residents and businesses about renewable energy and energy resilience. A range of presenters from local and state government, industry and a specialist renewable energy engineer will present on issues. This includes the increase of extreme weather events and power reliability issues, the critical need for community-wide education and resources to help residents respond to emergency event challenges. The Forum is designed to be highly replicable and scalable and can be adapted for other communities by adjusting the content to address specific local challenges and needs.	$24,090.00
Energy Resilience	Strathbogie'	Strathbogie	Strathbogie Memorial Hall Committee of Management	Hall generator	In the event of power failure, Strathbogie does not have power for the water supply, communications (including emergency information), medical equipment, heating, cooling or charging portable devices. Funding is being provided for a generator to independently power the Hall, so it can operate as a source of power and refuge during outages. This will provide a flushing toilet, drinking water, power for CPAP and other medical equipment, a cool or warm space, connection to the internet and phone service, and a place to recharge batteries. The Memorial Hall is also an essential part of Local Emergency Action Plan and ensures the CFA can continue to use the Hall in times of power failure.	$24,521.97
Energy Resilience	Wangaratta	Pangerang	Pangerang Community Hub Inc.	Pangerang Community Hub Energy Resilience	Pangerang Community Hub is a neighbourhood house which provides free or low-cost activities and workshops to support vulnerable people. It also operates a mobile community hub to outlying areas. In emergencies and power outages, the mobile service provides support to evacuated community members and to people unable to travel to the main facility. The grant will fund the installation of a solar and battery system for the backup of critical electricity circuits. This allows light and power in to be provided in emergency and long power outages. The community can then access to food, water, toilets and charging devices.	$28,718.00

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Energy Resilience	Wellington	Sale	Sale Food Support Incorporated	Solar solutions for flexible energy.	As a central regional hub for food relief to a diverse and wide-reaching community, a continuous power supply is critical to maintain access to perishable foods in the event of any power outages. The grant will provide funding for a solar system to ensure back-up power is readily available in the event of an outage.	$20,000.00
Energy Resilience	Wellington	Newry	The Newry Hall	Newry Hall - Emergency Power for Adverse Events	Newry experiences numerous floods and storms. The Newry Hall acts as a refuge centre for people during emergencies and severe weather events. Project funding will provide an emergency power supply with solar, batteries, charging devices, heating and cooling and a generator for the community and emergency services to cook food in the Hall's commercial kitchen.	$30,000.00
Energy Resilience	Wellington	Sale	The Vets mobile service and mason house surgery	Back-up power upgrade for the vets Sale.	Computer data base systems and vaccine storage depend on power to operate, as well as anaesthetic machines during surgery. Power is essential to continue providing animal treatment in the event of power outages. Funding will enable the Vets' surgery to increase the size of their solar panel system and upgrade the battery system. This minimises disruptions and allows for operations to continue during outages.	$33,400.20
Energy Education and Literacy	Yarra Ranges	Millgrove	Millgrove Residents Action Group Inc	Millgrove Community & Energy Resilience Training Program	Millgrove has a high rating of socio-economic disadvantage and is one of communities most at risk in Victoria from severe weather events. Millgrove experiences a large number of electricity outages each year. This training program will increase the skills and capabilities in the community and across the Upper Yarra and in Victoria. Training in energy systems and community resilience will be offered to young people and tradespeople whose livelihoods are being phased out (such as gas heating & plumbing trades). These improvements are vital to addressing socio-economic disadvantages and building a resilient workforce in Yarra Ranges.	$22,000.00

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Energy Education and Literacy	Yarra Ranges	Montrose	Montrose Township Group	Ready & Resilient: Engaging Videos for Effective Emergency Response	Grant funding will enable the production of multiple dynamic, informative, and entertaining one-minute videos. Each video focuses on a particular theme to improve community preparedness and response during prolonged power outages and extreme weather events. The videos will be shared via social media and other streaming channels and cover a range of season-relevant topics. The information in these videos will be relevant to a wide range of communities and will be part of a broader community resilience kit.	$24,580.00
Energy Resilience	Yarra Ranges	Badger Creek	Badger Creek Hall COM Inc	Community Resilience Hub	Badger Creek has a community of almost 2000 households. During recent storms and prolonged power outages, many residents were traumatised, vulnerable and left at risk without access to medication. This project is for an off-grid battery and installation of a generator to increase the solar output. This allows the Hall to provide a place of safety & connection if a major power outage occurs.	$24,925.00
Energy Resilience	Yarra Ranges	Kallista	Kallista Mechanics Institute Hall	Kallista Emergency Generators	This project is a collaboration between Mechanics Hall and Kallista-The Patch CFA to provide backup power supply in the event of a power outage and enabling the CFA to continue to operate. The Hall has been repurposed as Emergency Hub, which is run by the Kallista Emergency Group. This project brings together the interests of the local township, including the CFA, Parks Victoria and local medical services who understand local needs. During or following a disaster, residents can seek shelter, warmth/cooling, power devices, a kitchen, support, provisions and vital communications through Starlink. The Hub will support the community, especially vulnerable people such as the elderly and ill who can't relocate easily and need shelter and up-to-date-information.	$37,500.00

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Energy Resilience	Yarra Ranges	Monbulk	Moores Road Medical Centre	Moores Road MedicaL Centre Back Up Generator	Funding will purchase a generator to provide uninterrupted services and continuity of care to the community during power outages. This maintains the operation of critical medical equipment, preserves medications and vaccines and provides a safe environment for both patients and staff. Continuous power will address immediate needs and contribute to overall resilience and preparedness. This means healthcare services are uninterrupted during critical times.	$39,999.30
Energy Resilience	Yarra Ranges	Powelltown	Powelltown Residents Water Association	Powering up Powelltown	Powelltown is a remote, heavily forested and high-risk bushfire area that experiences recurring power outages. This disrupts essential services, including phone, 000 emergency services and local emergency response systems. The Powelltown Residents Water Association built and maintains the town's reticulated and gravity powered water system. This system serves over 100 residential homes and government and community facilities. Funding will provide mobile generator backup to critical community building	$13,000.00
Energy Resilience	Yarra Ranges	Tecoma	Tecoma Uniting Church	Food is Free Tecoma & Power Outage Refuge	Funding to upgrade the solar panels and purchase a battery will ensure the Tecoma Uniting Church can continue to operate their 24/7 service. This means approximately 500 people can be fed weekly and support can continue to seven other organisations in the local area who rescue food, provide community sit-down meals and deliver meals cooked from rescued food. The church is also a refuge in power outages where residents can charge phones, keep warm or cool, and access wi-fi and clean water.	$47,743.59
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