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Application Guidelines & Criteria 2021

Who can apply?

Tradies invites high schools and primary schools, P & C Associations, early learning centres and community organisations to apply for funding for environmental projects based on our 2021 theme 'Energy Efficiency'.

Key Dates

Grants Open Monday 29th March 2021

Grants Close Friday 25th June 2021

Successful applicants announced Thursday 22nd July 2021

Successful applicant's project update due Monday 18th October 2021

Successful applicant's project report due Friday 25th February 2022

Applications

All applications must be submitted online via the iPromise Grants application on the Tradies website. Once you 'submit' your application, it is automatically sent to the Tradies Green Team and iPromise Grants judging panel.

What can I apply for?

Please ensure your 2021 application addresses the theme '**Energy Efficiency**'. This could include finding ways to conserve or reduce your energy use, switching to renewable energy sources or any project that will use energy more efficiently. Think outside the box and look at where your energy is most inefficient. Are you heating poorly insulated classrooms? Are you using energy efficient appliances?

Applications that do not address the theme 'Energy Efficiency' will not be considered.

Your application can also include requests for funding for building / learning materials and environmental or other resources.

Please note that the iPromise Grants will *not* fund substitute teachers or wages, training fees or consultants. The more your students/children/community are involved, the more likely your project will succeed long term!

How much can I apply for?

The grant pool for 2021 has increased to \$25,000 and there is no minimum or maximum amount that can be applied for. If your project will only cost \$200 – apply for \$200! If you have a grand plan that will cost \$20,000 – apply for \$20,000! The main consideration is that you have budgeted thoughtfully, allocated resources efficiently and your project meets the criteria.

You can also apply for a partial grant for your project. For example, if your school P & C has already raised \$1,000 for your project but you need another \$2,000 to bring it to life, apply for the \$2,000. Just make sure you let us know that your total project costs are \$3,000 and you have already raised \$1,000. This way, it will be easier for the judges to understand your budget and overall project goals.

Also include whether or not you could continue with your project (or part of it) if you received partial funding.

I have applied before – can I apply again?

Absolutely! Whether your previous application was successful or unsuccessful, you can apply as many times as you like. We have had some schools receive funding through multiple grant rounds. Each application is judged based on its own merit.

Notification of Successful Applications

Due to the volume of applications we receive, unfortunately it is not possible to provide individual feedback to every applicant.

Successful applicants will be notified between the 20th and 22nd of July 2021 via email or phone. The public announcement will be made on the 22nd of July 2021 via an email to our iPromise Grants email list and all applicants. Social media and website announcements will be made by Friday the 23rd of July 2021.

Project Report Forms

All successful applicants will be required to complete an iPromise Grants Update and a Funding Report Form. The update request (to let the panel know where you are at with your project) will be sent in early October and will need to be returned by Monday October 18th 2021.

Funding report forms will be emailed in late January 2022 and must be completed and returned to Tradies via email no later than Friday the 25th of February 2022. The report form will include a request for photos of your project, an explanation of outcomes achieved and long-term planning.

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- **Addresses the theme ‘energy efficiency’**
- **Demonstrates research / subject knowledge**
- **Outlines planning (feasibility, timeline, budgeting etc)**
- **Encourages community engagement**
- **Thinks globally, acts locally**