

## Applications open for small business power relief

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- Cook Government delivering \$650 electricity credit for small businesses and charities
- · Synergy and Horizon Power customers already receiving credit
- Businesses who are not Synergy or Horizon customers must apply for the credit
- Applications open via the Small Business Development Corporation website

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As part of its commitment to providing cost-of-living relief, the Cook Government, in partnership with the Albanese Government, is delivering a \$650 Small Business Energy Bill Credit to eligible businesses and charities, on top of the minimum \$400 Household Electricity Credit.

While eligible small businesses and charities that are customers of Synergy or Horizon Power have already automatically received the first instalment of the electricity credit, businesses on embedded networks need to apply to receive their credit.

Embedded networks or submetering arrangements include small businesses in shopping centres, businesses operating from airports, industrial parks, and small businesses that have a sub-meter linked to a master meter controlled by the landlord.

The relief is aimed at businesses and charities that consume less than 50 megawatt hours of electricity per annum and were receiving electricity via the embedded network on 9 May 2023.

Once this \$650 credit is paid, alleligibleWesternAustraliansmallbusinesses will havereceivedatotalof\$3,650inelectricityassistance, which includestheassistanceprovidedbythe\$2,500and\$500electricity creditsdeliveredin2020and2021.

Applications are open until 4pm, Thursday 30 November 2023, and can be made online at <a href="https://www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/energy">www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/energy</a>.

## **Comments attributed to Premier Roger Cook:**

"My Government is committed to delivering cost-of-living relief to every Western Australian.

"Small businesses play such an important role in our economy and our community -employing Western Australians and providing the services we all rely on day-to-day.

"We want to ensure that every eligible small business receives their electricity credit - and while many already have, we urge any businesses on a submeter or embedded network to apply now."

## **Comments attributed to Small Business Minister Jackie Jarvis:**

"Small businesses and charities play a pivotal role in our economy and community and the Cook Government is determined that these organisations do not miss out on energy bill relief.

"We know that many small organisations are under financial pressure and we want to give them the best chance to succeed.

"The Small Business Development Corporation continues to play a vital role in delivering ongoing assistance to small businesses on behalf of the State Government."

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