



# SADA UPDATE



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## Energy Efficient Communities Program

SADA is working with a number of dairy farmers looking to access the Dairy Farming Business Grants. These Grants provide up to \$20,000 to improve energy efficiency, reduce energy costs and lower on-farm emissions. Grants may be used for equipment replacement, component upgrades, energy audits or feasibility studies.

We understand that there will be strong interest in these grants. SADA is here to assist members with your application. Please give us a call to discuss if you need any assistance or if you need to broaden your concept further. Grants are available from \$5,000 to \$20,000 for dairy farming businesses.

The objective of this grant opportunity is to support Australian dairy farming businesses to save energy through:

- replace existing equipment with higher efficiency equipment
- install or replace a component/s to help an existing system run more efficiently
- carry out on-farm energy audits
- carry out monitoring of energy usage and emissions

**Eligible applications will not automatically be approved. Grant approval will be according to meeting eligibility criteria, submission time and date and distribution.**

- The maximum grant amount is \$20,000
- The maximum project period is 18 months

You can use your grant for one or more of the following:

- replacing existing equipment with higher efficiency equipment
- installing or replacing a component to help an existing system run more efficiently (for example installing solar pre-heating for a hot water system, installing a variable speed drive on a vacuum pump, installing heat recovery from milk cooling equipment to pre-heat hot water, installing remote monitoring equipment for water storage or pasture condition)
- energy audits
- investment feasibility studies for energy efficiency upgrades
- monitoring of energy consumption and emissions
- SA allocation - \$600,000 in total

**Close date:** 17 Aug 2020 05:00 PM AEST.

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