

AMPC Grant Helpline

Snapshot Report

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Project Description

The successful implementation of the AMPC Helpline project exemplified a well-designed and carefully executed initiative aimed at providing AMPC members with seamless access to energy and environment grants. Over a span of two years, the project yielded commendable results, fostering an environment of support and assistance for those members seeking funding opportunities, with:

- ◆ More than **\$1.3 million** in approved funding.
- ◆ **\$3.6 million** in known grant applications (not including applications without AMPC Helpline support).
- ◆ Seventy-six members **registered** project participants in the AMPC Helpline.
- ◆ Facilitation of a biomass boiler contract and ERF (Emission Reduction Fund) project with industry handbook.
- ◆ Issuing multiple traffic light reports and detailed advice for possible **ERF Projects**.
- ◆ Identifying all **grants, funding, and programs** that aligned with members needs for energy efficiency, feasibility and engineering studies, metering, and monitoring, and much more.

Continuation of the project

Based on 2 financial years (i.e. FY'21 to FY'23) of AMPC helpline operational learnings, the project proposed to continue delivery of the following services:

Emission Reduction Fund traffic light assessments:

- ◆ Discuss project opportunity identification.
- ◆ Clarify initial eligibility.
- ◆ Desktop analysis to determine applicable project methods.
- ◆ Reporting with next steps, risks and benefits associated with project registration.

Sustainability advice:

- ◆ Advice on reporting frameworks and next steps when reporting on ESG.
- ◆ Advice for members interested in carbon neutrality under the government Climate Active program.

Advice around government grants and funding:

- ◆ If a member has a project in mind, the helpline will research avenues for grants and funding.
- ◆ Clarify initial eligibility.
- ◆ The Helpline will continue to assist with application process using the expertise of Ndevr Environmental's wider group.

What is needed?

For project participants to be able to continue receiving the benefits of the AMPC Helpline, an exclusive 12-month membership fee of \$1,000 (i.e. subject to fifty member applicants) was offered to the project participants. This offer (i.e. forwarded on completion of the project) would allow access to the services above, including personalised ad hoc grant assistance. Such an industry initiative is rare and is an opportunity for the sector to pull together while facing the uncertainty of a carbon constrained future with rising costs in energy security and improved environmental performance.