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COMMUNITY GROUPS AWARDED \$1 MILLION IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS

Minister for Energy, Simon Corbell, has announced almost \$1 million in community energy grants to local community groups.

Mr Corbell said the grants were designed to allow community groups to improve the energy efficiency of the buildings they occupy.

"I am pleased to be able to award these important grants today and hope the money can be spent wisely to significantly improve energy efficiencies in local community halls and office buildings," he said.

The Community Energy Grants were awarded to 37 different groups, with applicants receiving up to \$25,000. In total, \$994,889 was awarded.

Mr Corbell joined several award winners today at the Carers ACT headquarters in Belconnen to make the announcement.

"This is a million-dollar win for very worthwhile community groups and over the longer term, a million-dollar boost in our efforts to address climate change," he said.

"The ACT Government's Community Energy Grants have given the power to the recipients to have a direct hand in reducing our greenhouse gas emissions.

"They have removed the barrier of cost that often prohibits the not-for-profit sector from implementing energy efficient measures and will benefit our community for many years."

The grants were awarded to a cross-section of not-for-profit organisations, representing the aged, community, family, health, religious, sporting and youth sectors.

Carers ACT Inc, the National Brain Injury Foundation, Sharing Places and Anglicare Canberra and Goulburn were awarded a total of \$100,000. The funding will allow the group to buy a 20kW solar PV system. Over the course of a year, the clean energy produced by this system should allow a reduction of more than 35 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.

As part of the grant, the recipients commit to raising awareness of climate change and energy saving measures within their communities.

“Climate change affects each of us and it is up to governments to ensure that we can all play our part in addressing this issue,” Mr Corbell said.

“The Community Energy Grants are a tangible way that the ACT Government is doing this. Thanks to this money, community groups across the Territory will now be able to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, potentially earn money through the Electricity Feed-in Tariff Scheme and educate their communities about energy efficiency.”

A list of the recipients is attached.

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