Overview

Solar Sunshot Round 3

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Donor: Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)

Reference: Solar Sunshot Funding Announcement - Round 3

Location: Australia

Deadline: 12 November 2027

Open

Purpose and scope

Solar Sunshot Round 3 is a funding round of the Solar Sunshot Program, delivered and administered by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA). It supports the manufacture, development and scale-up of advanced solar deployment technologies in Australia, with measures to build local workforce capability, reduce global supply-chain reliance, support cost-reducing commercial models and demonstrate shared benefits.

Funding

The expected aggregate funding request for a single project is AUD 2,000,000 to AUD 40,000,000, including Capital Grant and Production Credit requests where both are sought; ARENA may accept requests outside this range at its discretion. Production Credit funding may run for up to 10 years, with shorter terms preferred; this duration does not apply to Capital Grants. For Capital Grants, applicants are typically expected to at least match the ARENA funding sought with cash and in-kind contributions.

Who can apply

Applicants must hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be an Australian entity incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth). They must demonstrate to ARENA's satisfaction that the project will primarily take place in Australia. Foreign ownership is permitted if the entity meets the Eligibility Criteria.

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Priorities

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact ARENA to discuss project suitability before submitting an EOI. For Production Credit requests, support should be the minimum additional amount bridging the expected sales price and production cost, including a justifiable return on capital; applicants should state production cost per unit, total support per unit, annual credit profile, required pre- and post-tax returns, annual production volumes and lifetime volume.

Sources

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