

Community Solar Banks – South Australia

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule																			
Parties	Commonwealth South Australia (SA)																		
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2028 or on completion of the Shared energy Storage Program (SeS), including final evaluation reports, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.																		
Purpose	This Agreement will support the deployment of shared solar and battery infrastructure on apartments/flats, targeting 2,000 low-income households to help households facing barriers to install their own solar and battery systems to benefit from renewable energy and alleviate cost of living pressures.																		
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide a financial contribution of \$8.9 million to the SA Government towards the co-funding of the program.																		
	This funding is from the Commonwealth’s Community Solar Banks Program with the Commonwealth funding to be used as a 50% grant and the SA Government funding the costs associated with a zero-interest loan for the remaining 50% of the project.																		
	Given this is a demand-driven program, the final number of apartments supported will depend on the number of applications and projects completed over the period of the program.																		
	Applicant uptake will be reviewed by the Parties at the end of each financial year. If the uptake target is not satisfied at the end of the second year, the Parties will consider the merits of extending the term of the Program and if relevant return any unspent funds.																		
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Use of Commonwealth Funds	Commonwealth funding will be used for the deployment of shared solar and batteries under the Shared energy Storage program projects and will not be used for any SA Government program administration.																		

Performance milestones – Shared energy Storage (SeS)	Report due	Payment
<p>Milestone 1</p> <p>Commonwealth acceptance of:</p> <p>Project Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation details • Communications Plan • Stakeholder Engagement Plan • Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (associated with Final Evaluation in Milestone 6) <p>Shared energy Storage Program Guidelines containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program objectives • Eligibility and assessment criteria • Application process • Timelines 	30/09/2025	\$1,000,000
<p>Milestone 2</p> <p>Commonwealth acceptance of a Progress Report containing evidence of satisfactory progress including:</p> <p>Summary details of project partner status and commitments for the program including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance partner • Technology partner • Installation partner <p>Progress against Project plan including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation details • Communication and media plans • Stakeholder Engagement plans 	03/03/2026	\$3,450,000

<p>Milestone 3</p> <p>Commonwealth acceptance of a Progress Report containing evidence of satisfactory progress including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary details of applications including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of households/apartments proposed to be serviced, including target groups low-income, renters, etc - Capacity of proposed installs including solar and batteries - Cost of proposed installs - Estimated household savings • Summary details of the executed grant agreements including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of households/apartments participating, including target groups low-income, renters, etc - Capacity of solar and battery projects approved - Capacity of solar and battery installs completed - Cost of installs including grant and loan amounts - Household savings (real or estimated) - Emissions savings • Program Expense Report containing grant commitments and payments, loans granted and value, Owners Corporation contributions and program administration expenses. 	01/11/2026	Up to \$4,450,000 based on the total executed grant component amount
<p>Milestone 4</p> <p>Commonwealth acceptance of a Progress Report containing evidence of satisfactory progress including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary details of applications including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of households/apartments proposed to be serviced, including target groups low-income, renters, etc - Capacity of proposed installs including solar and batteries - Cost of proposed installs including grant and loan amounts - Estimated household savings - Emissions savings 	01/06/2027	Up to \$4,450,000 based on the total executed grant component amount (less any payments made under milestone 3)

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<p>Milestone 5 Commonwealth acceptance of a Progress Report containing evidence of satisfactory progress including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary details of the executed grant agreements including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of households/apartments participating, including target groups low-income, renters, etc - Capacity of solar and battery projects approved - Capacity of solar and battery installs completed - Cost of installs including grant and loan amounts - Household savings (real or estimated) - Emissions savings • Program Expense Report containing grant commitments and payments, loans granted and value, Owners Corporation contributions and program administration expenses. 	01/12/2027	\$0
<p>Milestone 6 Commonwealth acceptance of a Final Project Report containing evidence including:</p>	01/06/2028	\$0

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary details of the executed grant agreements under the Shared energy Storage program including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of households/apartments participating, including target groups low-income, renters, etc - Capacity of solar and battery projects approved - Capacity of solar and battery installs completed - Cost of installs including grant and loan amounts - Household savings (real or estimated) - Emissions savings • Program Expense Report containing grant payments and commitments, loans granted and value, Owners Corporation contributions and administration expenses. • Evaluation report on the Shared energy Storage program including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objectives and outcomes, lessons learnt, total energy and emission savings, number of households participating and savings including target groups low-income, renters, and capacity of solar and batteries installed. 		
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The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth
of Australia by



The Honourable Chris Bowen MP
Minister for Climate Change and Energy

[Day] [Month] 2025 11/08/25.

Signed for and on behalf of the
South Australian Government by



The Honourable Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Energy and Mining

15 August 2025