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### Smart Energy Grants are a win-win for all Territorians

COTA NT welcomes the Government's new energy-efficient initiatives for homes - the new "Smart Energy" grants which may help eligible Territorians lower their costs of living. Smart Energy grants were identified as an important initiative in the Territory Government's **Roadmap to Renewables report**, which sets out a path for the NT to take advantage of job-creating opportunities from the global shift to renewable energy.

"This is a win-win for all Territorians. Self-funded retirees, who we know often have their super tied up in an investment property, can utilise this scheme which is an added bonus," says CEO of COTA NT Sue Shearer, "Sometime ago COTA NT wrote to the NT government and advised that low income earners, pensioners and carers were often excluded as they couldn't afford to match the 50 per cent capital required. It is a good sign that the NT government has listened and now all Territorians can utilise this new scheme."

The Smart Energy Grants will be run through a voucher system on a 50-50 co-contribution basis for up to \$1000 to owners of residential or investment properties to undertake energy efficiency measures to their homes. **For approved eligible member of the NT pensioner and carers' scheme the co-contribution required, however, will be 25% (instead of 50%), making it (more) affordable to undertake improvements to their homes to be more energy efficient.**

The co-contribution grants offered will be up to \$1000 to households to undertake energy efficiency measures such as:

1. Installation of solar PV system;
2. Installation of batteries connected to a solar system;
3. Installation of a solar or energy efficient pool pump;
4. Installation or replacement of a solar hot water system;
5. Energy efficient lighting replacement;
6. Energy efficient air-conditioner replacement (including reverse cycle systems);
7. Energy Efficient electric heat pump hot water system or pool pumps;
8. Installation of smart meters/energy monitoring devices

All works must be completed by an eligible Territory business. The vouchers will be available from January 2, 2018. Further information is available at <https://roadmaprenewables.nt.gov.au/information/smart-energy-grant> or on 1800193 111.

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