



## Revolving Community Energy Fund - Expression of Interest

Community-Owned Renewable Energy Mullumbimby (COREM) is a volunteer run, not for profit, community group who aims to support the transition of our area to run on renewable energy.

COREM works with local community groups to assist them to use their electricity more efficiently.

COREM funds and coordinates installation of solar generation and solar hot water. This reduces greenhouse gas emissions and gives host sites, savings off their electricity bill for the life of these installations. (Usually 25 years +)

COREM has developed a Community Revolving Energy Fund to offer interest free loans to install solar PV, solar hot water and energy efficiency equipment. Community associations pay back the installation of the equipment through savings of electricity costs.

### How will my application be assessed?

Read through the following application form. You then fill in the details on the online form available at [www.corem.org.au](http://www.corem.org.au)

Any groups from the Northern Rivers region which support our community can apply. If we are over subscribed, priority is given to groups in and surrounding Byron Shire.

As funds are limited groups with a higher daytime energy use are prioritised as the energy savings derived from installing solar PV are greater. However, we will consider any host sites.

There is no cut off date, submit your application and requests are assessed every quarter.

**When you fill in the on-line google form you can not save a draft. It is best to use the following questions to pre-write your responses and then just paste them into the online document.**

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“In our centenary year (2016), the Drill Hall Mullumbimby, a not-for-profit cultural centre, was chosen by COREM to be the first site in their plan to pursue and promote 100% renewable energy. The Drill Hall encourages other organisations and citizens to support or partner with COREM. It makes good sense for the community and the world.” Alex Benham & Greg Aitken from the Mullumbimby Drill Hall Theatre.



**Revolving Community Energy Fund - Expression of Interest Questions.**

**Name of your organisation**

**In less than fifty words please tell us about your organisation.**

**What is the location of the premises for solar installation?**

**Contact name**

**Contact phone/s**

**Contact email/s**

**Who is the owner of the building where solar is to be installed? (We need a permission email or letter from the owner with attached rates notice).**

**What is your lease arrangement? (If you are not an owner-occupier of the premise).**

**What is your DAILY average kW/hr usage - please look at several previous bills to estimate a daily average over the year.**

**We request funding for: Solar PV / Solar Hot water / Other**

**Please estimate what percentage of your electricity use is between 10am to 4pm.**

**Do you have different seasonal energy use. i.e. winter vs summer? Please explain.**

**Is shading an issue? Is the structural integrity/ maintenance requirements of the roof an issue?**

**Please confirm that you are willing to have a free energy audit to assess your electricity consumption profile.**

**The COREM revolving fund model limits the loan payback to 5 years. Projects may need in-kind support to meet this timeline. Please give specific details of how you can contribute to the project, such as: volunteer time, funds, fundraising, information-sharing, openness to collaborate etc..**

**If your current retailer is contributing to climate pollution are you willing find out about switching to ethical electricity. (This takes very little time and adds no/little extra financial cost). For more information go to: [repowerbyron.org](http://repowerbyron.org)**