



# Northern Rivers Community Rooftops Revolving Energy Fund

**Northern Rivers Community Foundation and COREM (Community-Owned Renewable Energy Mullumbimby) have partnered to provide interest-free loans and support for community organisations to install solar PV.**

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 renewable energy.

The Revolving Energy Fund offers interest free loans to install solar PV. This reduces greenhouse gas emissions and gives host sites, savings off their electricity bill for the life of these installations. (Usually 25 years +)

Community associations pay back the installation of the solar through savings of electricity costs.

## **How will my application be assessed?**

Read through the questions at the end of this document. 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. 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.**

**For more information contact Dave Rawlins at [contact@corem.org.au](mailto:contact@corem.org.au)**

“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 Energy Fund - Expression of Interest Questions.**

**Name of your organisation?**

**In one sentence please tell us about your organisation.**

**How many electricity accounts does your organisation have? If more than two please type the number of accounts in 'Other'.**

**Approximately how much is your average quarterly bill? If you have more than one account please write each account with a + between amounts e.g. \$500 + \$1200 \***

**Do you currently have Solar PV / Solar Batteries/ Solar Hot Water?**

**Are you the owner of the premises? If other please say who is the owner.**

**If you are not the owner of the building/s where solar (or more solar) could be installed I DO/DON'T think I could get permission from the building owner to install solar.**

**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 / closed in school holidays etc? Please explain.**

**Limitations to the site - Shading issues, structural integrity/ maintenance requirements of the roof, not enough roof space for panels etc?**

**The Revolving Energy Fund model aims to support as many groups as possible. Can you provide any support such as; volunteer time, funds, fundraising, information-sharing, openness to collaborate etc..**

**Are you willing to find out about If your current retailer is contributing to climate pollution and 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)**

**Contact name / Contact phone /Contact email / Organisation website (if applicable)**