

Smart Units Program Information Pack

Did you know?

- Units use approximately 25% more energy per person than standalone homes or townhouses
- Up to half of the energy use per person in a unit is from common property (e.g. lighting, pools and car parks)
- Through its initial phase, Smart Units has helped 20 Ku-ring-gai apartment blocks identify opportunities to save over than \$600,000 in projected annual utility costs.
- Many simple energy saving initiatives have a one to two-year payback



Do you want to save money, energy and water in your unit complex?

Join Council's Smart Units program to access \$4,000 worth of rebates to start reducing utility costs in your unit blocks!

We will help you to overcome the challenges which can be encountered when making changes to common property assets

Rebate available

The program offers a total rebate of \$4,000 to participating apartment blocks in 2019-20 until funds are exhausted. The rebate will be offered as a 50% rebate matching dollar-for-dollar investments capped at \$4,000, as shown below.

	Available rebate
50% Rebate available towards upgrades to improve environmental performance of common areas of an apartment building.	Up to \$3,000
Rebate amount available towards cost of energy and/or water audit - eligible only after successfully reporting on performance indicators for a period of 12 months following final implementation of efficiency measures.	Up to \$1,000
Total amount of rebate capped at	\$4,000

The benefits we can offer through Smart Units:

- ✓ Potential savings of money, energy, water and manage waste
- ✓ Support and assistance at Executive Committee meetings
- ✓ Guidance throughout the project implementation
- ✓ Potential increases in the environmental and financial value of your property
- ✓ Potential reductions in strata fees and levies

Who should apply?

Anyone authorised to submit an application on behalf of their apartment building. You might be a unit owner, strata manager, building Manager or on the Executive Committee. To be eligible the apartment block must consist of a minimum of 20 apartments.

Applications must reach Council by 20/09/2019

What does the program involve?

STEP 1 – Submit an application and agreement form by 20 September 2019

Your application to participate will provide us with information on the objectives and desired outcomes of your project.

STEP 2 – Receive confirmation of participation from the Council

Applications will be assessed on current and potential environmental performance of the building. Ku-ring-gai Council has absolute discretion to rebate approvals which will be given in writing to successful applicants.

STEP 3 – Engage an accredited auditor

Conduct an audit in accordance to agreed timeline.

Energy and water:

Engage an accredited auditor to conduct a Level 2 energy audit and/or a general audit of water use and make recommendations to improve efficiencies in common areas.

Waste

Council can conduct a free waste audit and help address issues with waste collection. Please contact Council's Sustainability Engagement Officer, Anuj Dhir, to organise a waste audit.

STEP 4 – Submit audit report, action plan and utility bills

Submit the final audit report which must include recommendations and pay back periods. Also submit an action plan consisting of a list of recommended actions intended to be implemented along with electricity, water and/or gas bills for the period of last 12 months.

STEP 5 – Review and finalise action plan with Council

Finalise action plan with Council. The agreed action plan must be acknowledged and signed by the applicant. This action plan will form a part of the Smart Units agreement.

STEP 6 – Implement the project and receive the first part of the rebate

On completion of approved works, submit relevant invoices to Council to make a claim for 50% rebate capped at \$3000.

STEP 7 – Submit bills for a period of twelve months

Submit energy, water and/or gas bills for a period of twelve months after the completion of project to claim the final rebate of up to \$1000 towards cost of initial audit.

Smart Units – Register your interest

Building information

Please fill in as applicable to your building

Building name	
Address	
Strata plan number or company title ABN	
Year built	
Number of residential units	
Number of commercial lots (shops/businesses)	
Strata management company	
Name of the primary contact person for your building	
Contact number	
E-mail address	

How to submit this form

If you have any questions regarding the Smart Units program or you wish to submit this form, please contact Councils' Sustainability Engagement Officer, Anuj Dhir:

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