



BUILDING TASMANIA

Destination Charging Grant Program

Program Guidelines
Round 1: Rest and Recharge



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1. Aim

The Tasmanian Government's 2030 Visitor Economy Strategy outlines the commitment to promote the uptake of electric vehicles (EVs) and support a state-wide charging network to support Tasmania's goal to shift to a low emission economy.

The Tasmanian Government recognises the growing importance of EVs in enhancing visitor experience and promoting sustainable tourism, with around half of recent visitors telling us they would like to use an EV or hybrid vehicle on future trips to Tasmania.

Currently, actual visitor EV uptake is much lower with concerns about range and lack of suitable charging infrastructure as key barriers.

While Tasmania's public fast charging infrastructure is already expanding to meet Tasmanians' growing demand for EVs, there is scope to strengthen our overnight destination charging network.

With [popular EV models now having an average range of over 400km](#), Tasmania's compact geography means that it's now possible for visitors to travel between many overnight destinations in Tasmania on a single charge.

This program supports small to medium tourism businesses to install EV destination chargers for visitors staying overnight.

The program will assist eligible businesses to install up to four 240V Level 2 chargers. Funding can also be used to cover the cost of updating marketing material or signage costs used to promote the service.

For a guide to installing EV chargers and supporting electric vehicle tourists see: <https://tict.com.au/industry-development/emissions-reduction/electric-vehicle-tourism/>

This program will be administered by Building Tasmania on behalf of the Crown in Right of Tasmania.

2. Funding available

The program will be delivered in two Rounds, with total grant funding of \$125,000 available for Round 1.

Grants of up to \$2,500 per charger are available, for a maximum of 4 chargers per business.

Applications will be competitively assessed using the assessment criteria below. Please note that applications that meet the eligibility criteria will not automatically receive a grant.

The outcomes of Round 1 will influence the guidelines and funding available in Round 2, which is planned for delivery in the first half of 2027.

3. Eligible applicants

To be eligible for a grant your business must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- 3.1. Provide paid overnight accommodation to visitors on a commercial basis.
- 3.2. Be currently operating and physically located in Tasmania with a valid ABN for 12 months prior to the date of your application.
- 3.3. Be a small to medium business – i.e. your business has no more than 199 full-time equivalent employees.

Please note you may be asked to provide information or documentation to support your eligibility claims, either as part of the application process, or after you have submitted your application.

The information you provide may be subject to third party authenticity checks.

4. Eligible expenditure

- 4.1. Eligible expenses include all costs to install new **eligible destination chargers (purchase of chargers, installation of infrastructure to support chargers, and relevant signage and safety equipment)**, defined as a permanently-wired 240V AC electric vehicle charging station that provides between 7kW to 22kW rate of charge.
- 4.2. Each charger must also be:
 - a) Installed by a licensed electrical contractor and installation must be compliant with standards for electrical works and any other relevant statutory requirements.
 - b) Only available for use by visitors (e.g. customers, guests, patrons) at dedicated electric vehicle parking spaces.
 - c) Installed on a site which is owned or under the direct control (e.g. under long-term lease) of the applicant. In cases where the applicant does not own the site where the charger is being installed the owner of the site must give consent.
 - d) Operational by 15 June 2027.
- 4.3. Up to four destination chargers can be installed per business. Note - applying for multiple chargers does not automatically mean you will receive a grant to install multiple chargers.
- 4.4. Charging units with ports capable of servicing more than one vehicle simultaneously can have each port considered as a separate charger.
- 4.5. Installation of chargers must not have been commenced, been contracted or completed prior to 10 August 2026.

5. Ineligible applicants

You will not be eligible for this program if any of the following apply to you:

- 5.1. You are a local, state, or federal government entity.
- 5.2. You are a public company as defined in the *Corporations Act 2001*.
- 5.3. You are an unincorporated association.
- 5.4. You are an investment entity that solely generates passive turnover from residential and commercial property investment and/or the renting of property.
- 5.5. Your business is for sale, trading while insolvent, under external administration or bankrupt at the time of submitting an application.
- 5.6. You have made more than one application under the same ABN.
- 5.7. You are a third party submitting an application on behalf of a business owner.
- 5.8. You have not acquitted a previous Tasmanian government grant as required by its funding agreement.

6. Assessment

This grant program is competitive. This means the assessment process will commence after the program has closed.

All submitted applications will undergo an eligibility check using the eligibility criteria and the supporting documentation in your application.

Please note that applications which meet the eligibility requirements will not automatically receive a grant, and not all applications will be successful.

Eligible applications will be competitively assessed by independent assessors using the assessment criteria and the supporting documentation in your application.

A table outlining the assessment criteria is included below:

Assessment criteria	Weighting
1. Supply gap The chargers will be located in areas or destinations in Tasmania where supply of overnight electric vehicle charging for visitors is low (i.e. regional areas) – see https://www.plugshare.com/map/hotels . Accommodation availability and capacity at the proposed charging site or sites will also be considered.	50%
2. Visitor experience EV charging is promoted and managed as part of the visitor experience. For example: - how will charging availability be advertised (website, booking platforms, PlugShare, Australian Tourism Data Warehouse, etc) - what are pricing arrangements - what assistance with charging will be provided to guests during their visit stay - are chargers accessible for guests with a disability	30%
3. Co-investment The project has leveraged support, capabilities and/or funding from other sources (e.g. evidence of financial or in-kind support from the applicant or from other partners)	20%

7. Timeframes

Description	Date/time
Program opens for applications	Friday 3 July 2026
Program closes	Monday 31 August 2026
Notification of outcome	By Monday 28 September 2026

Please note that we cannot accept applications after the program closes.

8. Contact details

For enquiries about this program, please contact:

Business Tasmania

ask@business.tas.gov.au

Ph 1800 440 026

9. How to apply

Applications can be submitted using [SmartyGrants](#).

For assistance with using [SmartyGrants](#), please see the [applicant help guide](#).

Contact us to discuss any issue preventing you from using [SmartyGrants](#) to submit your application.

You may be asked to provide information or documentation after you have submitted your application.

Please note the information you provide may be subject to third party authenticity checks.

10. Grant funding agreement

If your application is successful, you will be required to enter a legally binding funding agreement.

The funding agreement, along with these program guidelines, provide the grant terms and conditions.

You will not receive payments until the funding agreement is completed.

11. Appealing a decision

If your application is unsuccessful, you may ask for the decision to be reviewed.

The review process ensures that all applicants have been treated fairly.

We will consider request for review that relate to administrative process issues in grants management.

All requests must be in writing and addressed to the **Manager, Tourism and Hospitality**. Your request must be received within 28 days from the date of Building Tasmania notifying you of the decision about your application.

For further information about the review process, contact ask@business.tas.gov.au

12. Grant payments

If your application is successful, you will be asked for your bank account details to receive your grant payment.

The bank account must be in your name. You may be asked to provide a copy of your bank statement or a letter from your bank as confirmation.

Providing incorrect bank account details may result in significant delays or not receiving your grant payment. We cannot guarantee the recovery of funds paid to an incorrect bank account.

13. Taxation and financial implications

Grants distributed under this program may be treated as income by the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

We strongly recommend that, prior to applying, you seek independent advice from a tax advisor, financial advisor and/or the ATO, about the possible tax implications for receiving the grant.

If you are registered for GST, the grant amount will include GST. A valid tax invoice must be supplied by the successful applicant to Building Tasmania.

14. Acquittal

If your application is successful, you must provide an acquittal at the conclusion of the grant.

An acquittal is a statement that confirms the grant was completed as per the funding agreement.

14.1. How to acquit your grant

We will send you an acquittal form using SmartyGrants.

Your acquittal must include:

- a report on the activities completed and their outcomes;
- a report on the income and expenditure; and
- evidence such as invoices, receipts and images.

We may ask you to provide a Statement of Expenditure certified by an independent, professional auditor. You will be responsible for the cost of obtaining the certified Statement of Expenditure.

14.2. Failure to complete an acquittal

If you do not satisfactorily acquit your grant by the due date:

- you may be required to return the funding to Building Tasmania; and

- you may be ineligible for other grants from Building Tasmania.

Contact us to discuss any issue preventing you from acquitting your grant.

15. Publicity of grant assistance

Building Tasmania is accountable for its spending of public funds, including providing grants. As part of the accountability process, Building Tasmania may publicise, without further notice, information about the grants provided, including the level of financial assistance, the identity of the recipient, and the purpose of the financial assistance.

If you have received a grant from Building Tasmania:

- despite any confidentiality or intellectual property right subsisting in the grant funding agreement or deed, a party may publish all or any part of the grant funding agreement or deed without reference to another party, and you consent to the disclosure of your name in this context.
- all obligations under the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* (Tas) still apply.

16. True and accurate information

You must take care to provide true and accurate information. Any information that is found to be false or misleading may result in action being taken and grant funds, if already provided, may be required to be repaid to Building Tasmania.

17. Right to information

Information provided to Building Tasmania may be subject to disclosure in accordance with the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

18. Information collection and usage

Personal information will be managed in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004*. This information may be accessed by the individual to whom it relates, on request to Building Tasmania.

Building Tasmania may use and disclose the information you provide for the purposes of discharging its functions under the Program Guidelines and otherwise for the purposes of the program and related uses. Building Tasmania may also use information received in applications and during the delivery of the project for reporting purposes.

19. Disclaimer

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