

## Before applying for ARENA funding

Our funding is usually provided as a grant. Where a proposal has the potential for significant commercial success, a grant could be recouped or converted to equity or debt if allowed by a Ministerial determination.

### Before applying, applicants should:

1. Consider how the proposal aligns with the investment priorities in this Investment Plan or relevant funding announcements.
2. Consider if the proposal is eligible for a funding program. The eligibility and merit criteria for funding programs are summarised on our website.
3. Review the guidelines for the relevant funding program in full.
4. Consider the potential value of knowledge-sharing from the project.
5. Contact ARENA at an early stage to discuss the proposal and its potential to attract funding from other related sources.

Figure 2 – Supporting innovation and commercialisation



## Related funding sources

### Clean Energy Innovation Fund

ARENA and the CEFC are jointly responsible for operating the Clean Energy Innovation Fund. The Innovation Fund is a \$200 million program available to provide debt and/or equity finance for innovative clean energy projects and businesses which support renewables, energy efficiency and low emissions technologies. Investments from the Innovation Fund will help eligible projects and businesses get to the next stage of commercialisation. The Innovation Fund does not make grants.

Information on the Innovation Fund is available at:

[www.cefc.com.au/innovationfund](http://www.cefc.com.au/innovationfund)

### Southern Cross Renewable Energy Fund

The Southern Cross Renewable Energy Fund is a co-investment between ARENA and Softbank China Venture Capital, managed by Southern Cross Venture Partners Pty Ltd.

[www.sxvp.com](http://www.sxvp.com)

Figure 3 – A partnership across the innovation chain

