

# Tasmanian Liberal Government

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## Helping more small businesses with their energy costs

The Tasmanian Government is helping small businesses cushion the blow from the COVID-19 pandemic with a second round of \$1000 one-off grants now available to support eligible customers with their energy costs.

Small business is one of Tasmania's biggest employers and also one of the sectors hardest hit by the pandemic, and we are committed to helping them recover and get back on their feet.

The second round of \$1000 one-off grants is available for embedded network customers that get their utilities provided directly from a landlord or building owner. This includes shops in a shopping centre, tenants in managed office accommodation or leaseholders at business estates.

The grants will ensure that small businesses who operate in 'embedded networks' and don't deal directly with a retail provider for these services are helped with their energy bills, similar to the electricity, water and/or sewerage waivers already provided to small businesses through their utility providers.

The guidelines for round two have been expanded to ensure even more people can benefit, with sole traders who don't employ staff now able to apply for the grant.

Applications are now open and close at 12pm, Monday 21 December 2020.

Applicants can apply for the grant from the Business Tasmania website at [www.business.tas.gov.au](http://www.business.tas.gov.au) and can contact Business Tasmania on [1800 440 026](tel:1800440026) for more information.