

Reduce your organisation's carbon footprint with an electric vehicle without ever being out of pocket!

You can greatly reduce the climate impact of your essential travel by switching to electric next time you need to buy a new vehicle. Electric vehicles cost more to buy but have lower running costs than petrol/diesel alternatives, saving funds and the climate in the long run.

In 2022 several new models of electric vehicle are scheduled for release, including delivery vans, making them a viable option for many organisations.

Where the higher purchase cost can still be a barrier, CORENA can help. CORENA offers non-profit (or similar) organisations:

- Interest-free loans and technical advice to assist with electric vehicle and charging infrastructure purchases;
- With the quarterly loan repayment amount set to fall within expected savings on running costs. In the short term most of your savings will go on loan repayments, but once the loan is repaid you will be spending less on essential travel.

How it works

If you decide you want a CORENA loan to help pay for an electric vehicle, the first step is to submit an expression of interest through our website. This is considered by the CORENA committee and if successful CORENA will work with you to find a suitable vehicle and appropriate charging infrastructure. We will promote the project on our website and if recurring donations and loan repayments from earlier projects are not sufficient to cover the cost we will start fundraising for your loan amount.

What is CORENA?

CORENA is a non-profit organisation run mainly by volunteers. As of February 2022, we have supported 45 climate projects which have cumulatively avoided 2,804.57 MWh of grid electricity (equivalent to power 223.7 average homes). We are now expanding into providing loans for electric vehicles and for replacing gas appliances with efficient electric options. Please see the ["Project 45 - CERES Fair Food"](#) page at corenafund.org.au for a case study on electric vehicles.

You are eligible to apply for a CORENA loan if you are a non-profit community organisation or similar providing services to your community and if finances are a barrier to reducing your carbon footprint. An electric vehicle project may be suitable if you have vehicles with regular high usage such as delivery vans.

**For more information see corenafund.org.au
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Example of impact on your budget

