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Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program

Questions and Answers

1. What is the closing time and date for applications?

Assessment and notification of outcomes will be divided into three batches during the year. The table below identifies the cut-off dates for all three batches.

Batch	Applications included in batch
1	All applications submitted to the grant opportunity by 11:00PM AEST on 15 July 2020 .
2	All applications submitted to the grant opportunity by 11:00PM AEDT on 29 October 2020 .
3	All applications submitted to the grant opportunity by 11:00PM AEDT on 11 February 2021 .

It is recommended that you submit your application **well before the closing time and date for each batch**.

2. If I am not able to submit my application by the due time and date, can I be granted an extension?

Applications submitted from 1 April 2020 to 11:00PM AEDT on 11 February 2021 will be accepted. Extensions will not be given to any applications submitted after 11:00PM AEDT on 11 February 2021. If the Community Grants Hub is requested to approve an application lodged after 11:00PM AEDT on 11 February 2020, the [late application policy](#) available on the Community Grants Hub website will apply.

3. What is the aim of the *Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program*?

The program is designed to preserve Australia's wartime heritage and to involve people throughout the nation in a wide range of projects and activities that highlight the service and sacrifice of Australia's service personnel in wars, conflicts and peace operations. Projects and activities should promote appreciation and understanding of the experiences of service and the roles that those who served have played in shaping the nation.



4. Who can apply for the *Saluting Their Service* Commemorative Grants Program?

To satisfy eligibility requirements, applicants to the *Saluting Their Service* Commemorative Grants Program 2020-21 must fall into one of the following categories:

- Company¹
- Cooperative
- Corporate State or Territory Entity
- Incorporated Association
- Indigenous Corporation
- Local Government²
- Non-corporate State or Territory Entity
- Non-corporate State or Territory Statutory Authority
- Statutory Entity
- Unincorporated Association – grant activities up to \$10,000 only.

If you are applying as a Trustee on behalf of a Trust³, the Trustee must have an eligible entity type as listed above.

Applications from consortia are acceptable, as long as you have a lead applicant who is solely accountable to the Commonwealth for the delivery of grant activities and is an eligible entity as per the list above⁴.

5. If I am not an eligible entity type, can I apply under the sponsorship of an eligible entity?

No, you must be an eligible entity type listed in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines (see section 4.1) to be eligible to apply for the *Saluting Their Service* grant opportunity.

¹ Company is a company incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

² Includes New South Wales local governments created as Body Politics.

³ Trusts are not legal entities in their own right – to be eligible, only the Trustee for the Trust can apply by providing the signed Trust Deed and any subsequent variations with the application form. Both the Trust's and Trustee's details will be collected in the application form.

⁴ The Australian Government recognises that some organisations may seek to form consortia in order to apply for a grant under the program. Consortia are eligible to apply and the relevant conditions applicable to consortia are at 7.2 'Applications from consortia.'



6. What can I use the *Saluting Their Service* grant for?

You can only spend grant funding on the following eligible grant project or activity types:

- Additions to, or restoration of, existing war or peace memorials, honour boards/rolls or plaques.
- Commemorative events for significant anniversaries of wars, conflicts or peace operations (a significant anniversary is defined as ending in a 5 or 0).
- Construction of a new war or peace memorial where none currently exist, honour board/roll or plaque.
- Digital content development (e.g. documentary, podcast, website or application).
- Display and/or restoration of wartime memorabilia.
- Flagpole supply and/or installation – maximum of \$2,000 per project.
- Immersive and interactive experiences (e.g. memorial walks).
- Publications (e.g. unit histories, local wartime histories and letters from service personnel) where similar works have not previously been published.
- Public awareness and/or cultural activities.
- School initiatives and/or educational activities – including memorial gardens (which must include a commemorative plaque or plinth).

If your proposed project or activity involves changing or restoring an existing memorial or other commemorative artefact, there may be heritage and conservation considerations. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all local heritage requirements are met. For more information, please contact your state or territory government heritage body or see the [Department of Veterans' Affairs website](#).

7. What can the grant money *not* be used for?

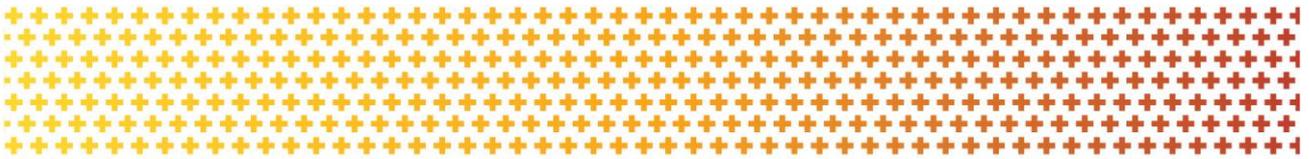
There are limitations on what sort of activities or expenditure items the grant money can be used for, **some** examples are outlined below:

Examples of activities that are not eligible:

- Sporting events
- Commemorative events on national commemorative days, such as Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, Vietnam Veterans Day or National Service Day (except where the event relates to a significant anniversary which is defined as ending in a 5 or 0).

Examples of expenditure items that are not eligible:

- Salaries/wages
- Catering and refreshments
- Travel – international and domestic. Note: includes hire of vehicles, fuel and accommodation



- Trophies, prizes, awards, gifts and medallions.

NOTE: For a full list of activities and expenditure items that are not eligible, please see the *Saluting Their Service* Grant Opportunity Guidelines available on the [Community Grants Hub](#) and [GrantConnect](#) websites.

8. Items that I would like to seek funding for are not on the list of eligible items in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, can I still apply for these items?

It is not possible to provide an exhaustive list of items/projects that may be eligible for funding. Providing that the items you are seeking are directly connected to the delivery of the project, you should include them for consideration.

9. How do I apply for a Community Grant (STS-CG)?

There are two categories of grants available under the *Saluting Their Service* Commemorative Grants Program. They are:

- 1. Community Grants (STS-CG)**
- 2. Major Grants (STS-MG)**

You should only apply for the Community Commemorative Grants (CCG) category if your intended project/activity is focused on the local community, commemorates the service and sacrifice of local community members, and is primarily accessed by the local community. Grants under the STS-CG category are available up to a maximum of \$10,000.

To apply for a Community Grant you should complete the *Saluting Their Service* Commemorative Grants Program 2020-21 application form, which is available on the [GrantConnect](#) and [Community Grants Hub websites](#).

10. How do I apply for a Major Grant (STS-MG)?

There are two categories of grants available under the *Saluting Their Service* Commemorative Grants Program. They are:

- 1. Community Grants (STS-CG)**
- 2. Major Grants (STS-MG)**

You should only apply for the Major Grants (STS-MG) category if your intended project/activity is significant from a national, state, territory and/or regional perspective and is commemorative of the service and sacrifice of service personnel beyond the local community, and/or consist of elements that are available to the whole nation, or residents of a state, territory, or regional area. A high monetary value project or activity does not necessarily mean that it is of national, state, territory and/or regional significance.



To apply for a Major Grant you should complete the *Saluting Their Service* Commemorative Grants Program 2020-21 application form, which is available on the [GrantConnect](#) and [Community Grants Hub](#) websites.

11. Can I apply for multiple projects? For example, can I submit two applications for two different projects in two different states?

If so, could I be successful in both?

Only one application per round is to be made for each individual project or activity type listed in section 5.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. A separate application form must be submitted for each individual project or activity. If more than one application is submitted for the same project or activity, the latest accepted application will progress.

12. How much funding is available for this program?

Up to \$3,500,000 (GST exclusive) is available for the 2020-21 financial year.

13. How much can I apply for?

If you are applying for a local, community-based project under the Community Grants category, you can apply for a maximum of \$10,000.

If you are applying for a major commemorative project that is significant from a national, state, territory and/or regional perspective under the Major Grants category, you can apply for between \$10,001 and \$150,000.

14. Can I seek reimbursement for projects that have already been paid for prior to submission of an application?

We are not responsible for any expenditure incurred until a grant agreement is executed. If your application is unsuccessful, we are not responsible for any expenditure incurred.

15. Is the funding on-going?

No. Grants under the *Saluting Their Service* Commemorative Grants Program are meant as a one off financial contribution only.

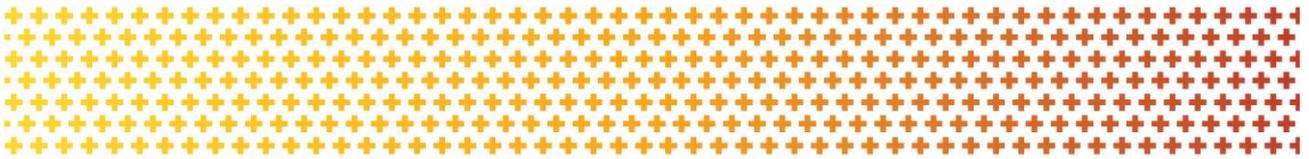
16. Should I include GST in my requested funding amount?

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) advises that DVA grants are considered a Financial Assistance Payment and so they are not subject to GST.

In accordance with that advice,

If your Organisation is registered for GST you:

- are required to calculate the GST exclusive component of the cost of any item or service purchased for your proposed project



- must provide the final total GST exclusive amount in your grant application
- can claim an input tax credit through your Business Activity Statement (BAS) to the ATO, for the GST component of purchased items or services.

If your Organisation is NOT registered for GST you are:

- not able to request an input tax credit from the ATO for the GST component of purchased items or services
- required to provide the final GST inclusive amount in your grant application.

If you have any queries in relation to the transactions you enter into with third parties as a result of a grant received under the *Saluting Their Service* Commemorative Grants Program, you may wish to speak with the ATO or your financial advisor about the effect of receiving a grant before you enter into a grant agreement. You can also visit the [Australian Taxation Office](#) website for more information.

Grants are assessable income for taxation purposes, unless exempted by a taxation law. We recommend you seek independent professional advice on your taxation obligations or seek assistance from the [Australian Taxation Office](#). We do not provide advice on your particular taxation circumstances.

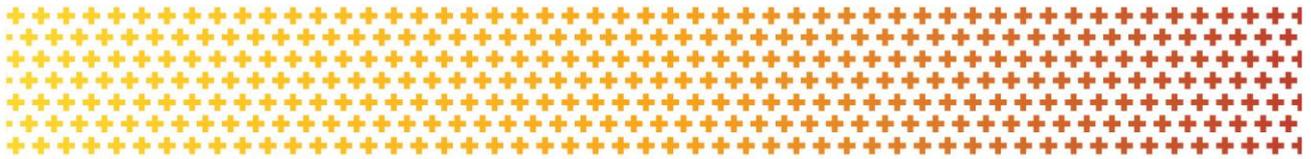
For example:

Your organisation is registered for GST

- You are applying for a commemorative plaque in your *Saluting Their Service* application.
The cost of your plaque is \$1,000 plus \$100.00 GST
The total cost is \$1,100 (GST inclusive).
- You will enter \$1,000 in your *Saluting Their Service* application.
- If your application is successful, you will receive a grant for your commemorative plaque for \$1,000.
- You may then claim an input tax credit through your BAS to the ATO for the \$100 GST component of the purchased commemorative plaque. More information about how to claim input tax credits is available on the [ATO website](#).

Your organisation is NOT registered for GST

- You are applying for a commemorative plaque in your *Saluting Their Service* application.
The cost of your plaque is \$1,000 plus \$100.00 GST
The total cost is \$1,100 (GST inclusive).
- You will enter \$1,100 in your *Saluting Their Service* application.
- If your application is successful, you will receive a grant for your commemorative plaque for \$1,100.



17. How do I know if my organisation is GST registered?

For further guidance, seek advice from your financial advisor.

If your details are up to date, you can find your GST registration status on the [Australian Business Register website](#) by using the ABN Lookup tool.

More information on GST can be found on the [ATO](#) website.

18. Do I need to provide quantity surveyor costings or quotes with my application?

If applying under the Community Grants category:

No, it is not necessary to include quantity surveyor costings or quotes with your application form.

If applying under the Major Grants category:

It is not mandatory to provide quantity surveyor costings or quotes with your application; however, these will be taken into account during the assessment process to determine the readiness of your project. The assessment will inform the recommendation to the decision maker.

All applicants must complete the project budget table within the online application form, outlining your proposed expenditure (including Nil expenditure where relevant) in each of the expenditure categories. These categories are explained in section 5.2 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

19. Do I need to provide a letter of support from key local stakeholders with my application?

If applying under the Community Grants category:

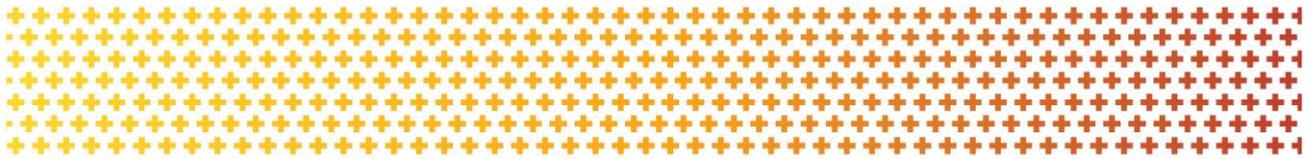
No, it is not necessary to provide a letter of support with your application form.

If applying under the Major Grants category:

It is not mandatory to provide a letter of support from key local stakeholders with your application; however, for the following project/activity types it will be taken into account during the assessment process to determine the readiness of your project:

- Additions to, or restoration of, existing war or peace memorials, honour board/roll or plaque
- Construction of a new war or peace memorial, honour board/roll or plaque
- Immersive and interactive experiences (e.g. memorial walks).

The assessment will inform the recommendation to the decision maker.



20. Do I need to provide a Statement by Supplier?

If you do not have an Australian Business Number (ABN), you are required to provide a Statement by Supplier.

When a payer makes payments to suppliers for goods or services to the business, those suppliers generally need to quote an ABN. If a supplier does not provide an ABN, the payer may need to withhold an amount from the payment for that supply – this is referred to as 'withholding tax'.

To avoid withholding tax, suppliers can use the [Statement by a supplier](#) form to provide a reason for not quoting an ABN. For more information, please see the [ATO website](#).

21. Do I need to meet local heritage requirements?

Yes, if your proposed project or activity involves changing or restoring an existing memorial or other commemorative artefact you are responsible for ensuring that all local heritage requirements are met. For more information, please contact your state or territory government heritage body or see the [Department of Veterans' Affairs website](#).

22. What is 'value for money'?

For the purpose of this grant round, 'value for money' is defined as: a judgement based on the grant proposal representing an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of public resources and determined from a variety of considerations.

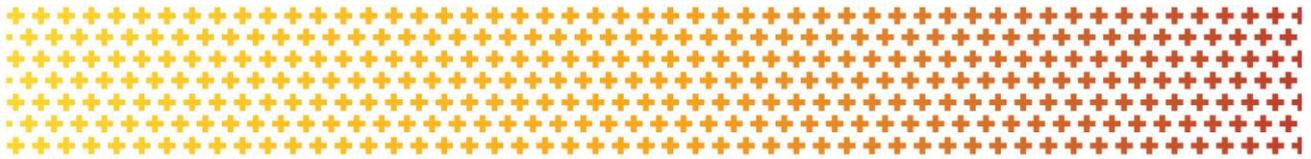
When assessing the extent to which the application represents value with relevant money, the Commemorative Grants Advisory Committee (CGAC) will have regard to:

- The overall objective/s to be achieved in providing the grant
- The relative value of the grant sought
- The extent to which the evidence in the application demonstrates that it will contribute to meeting the outcomes/objectives
- How the grant activities will target groups or individuals.

The CGAC is chaired by the Repatriation Commissioner of the DVA and comprises of representatives from the Returned Services League of Australia, the Australian Local Government Association, the Australian War Memorial and policy staff within the DVA.

23. Is the grant available for projects on Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Norfolk Island and Jervis Bay Territory?

Yes. The Grant Opportunity Guidelines do not specify that activities need to be undertaken on the Australian mainland. Provided all other requirements are met, applications covering any of the seven external Australian Territories - would be eligible for consideration.



24. Why is the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) using the Community Grants Hub to manage its grants?

The Community Grants Hub will provide a central and consistent application and management process for DVA's grant applicants and recipients.

It will also reduce duplication of effort and resources in common areas of services across Government, such as grants.

25. Is this part of a bigger move to merge DVA with another government department?

No. The Australian Government is committed to a stand-alone DVA. This remains Government policy.

26. How can I submit the application form?

The form is an online application form that you must submit electronically.

The Community Grants Hub will not provide application forms or accept application forms for this grant opportunity by fax, email or through Australia Post unless otherwise stated in the grant opportunity documents.

You must submit your grant application using the application form, which is available on the [GrantConnect](#) and [Community Grants Hub](#) websites. The application form includes help information.

27. Do word limits apply to selection criteria?

Yes, there is a word limit of around 900 words (6000 characters) per selection criterion.

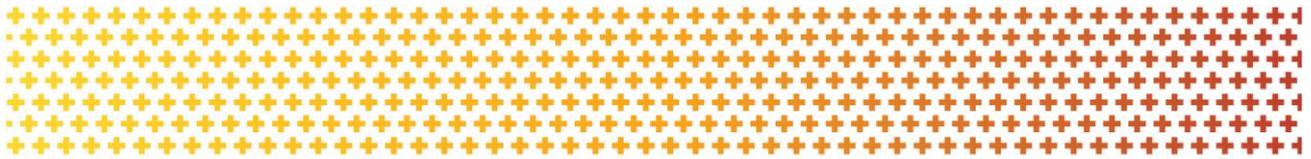
Please note: character limits include any formatting used within the body of the response, this includes spaces.

28. Can someone from the Community Grants Hub help me with my application?

The Community Grants Hub and DVA can only provide general information and advice on completing your application. To maintain the fairness and integrity of the application process, applicants cannot be offered individual support or help with their applications.

29. Who do I contact if I'm having trouble using or submitting an application form?

If you require help or support in using and/or submitting an application form on the Community Grants Hub website, please call 1800 020 283 (option 1) or TTY 1800 555 677.



30. I'm not familiar with using technology, what do I do?

If you or members of your organisation require digital training, support can be accessed through the Department of Social Services' initiative [Be Connected – improving digital literacy for older Australians](#) which provides training in both city and regional areas, Australia wide. Please visit: [Be Connected website](#).

31. Will DVA still be involved in assessing the grants?

Yes, DVA staff will assess all eligible and compliant applications against the assessment criteria and against other applications. Following the assessment, the CGAC will consider each eligible and compliant application and will recommend to the Minister for Veterans' Affairs (the decision maker) which applications to approve for a grant.

For more information on the grant selection process please see section 8 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

32. Who will be approving DVA grants?

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (the decision maker) decides which grants to approve taking into account the recommendations made by the CGAC and the availability of grant funds for the purposes of the grant program.

33. When will I know the outcome of my application?

You will be notified of the outcome of your application at the end of the selection process. For probity reasons, to treat all applicants fairly and equally, it is not possible to give you information about the status of individual applications during the assessment process.

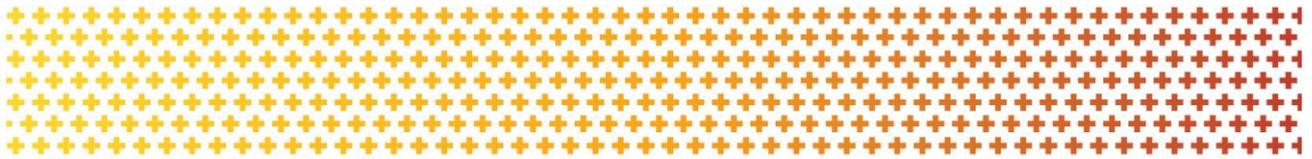
Timeframes are indicated in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, although in some instances due to volume and complexity of applications, timeframes may be modified.

34. Can I appeal the decision in relation to the outcome of a selection process?

There is no appeal mechanism for decisions to approve or not approve a grant.

A feedback summary will be published on the Community Grants Hub website to provide all organisations with easy access to information about the grant selection process and the main strengths and areas for improving applications.

Individual feedback will also be provided in the letter advising of the outcome of your application.



35. Where should I go for further information?

Please email your enquiries to support@communitygrants.gov.au

More information about this grant can be found in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. If you have any questions during the application period, please contact the Community Grants Hub on 1800 020 283 (option 1) or email support@communitygrants.gov.au.

The Community Grants Hub will respond to emailed questions within five working days.