

Questions and Answers

Veteran & Community Grants

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

The Application Form must be submitted by **2.00pm AEDT on Thursday, 28 February 2019**. It is recommended that you submit your application **well before the closing time and date**.

The Veteran & Community Grants Program accepts applications continuously throughout the year. The Community Grants Hub (the Hub) will divide the assessment and notification of outcomes into four batches during the year.

The table below identifies the cut-off dates for all four batches.

Batch	Applications included in batch
1	All applications submitted by 31 May 2018
2	All applications submitted by 31 August 2018
3	All applications submitted by 30 November 2018
4	All applications submitted by 2:00 PM AEDT on 28 February 2019

You can submit an application at any time during the application period and the Hub will assess it in one of the four batches identified above. Please note that the cut-off date for each batch only affects the time at which the Hub will assess your application. It does not affect the time at which you must submit your application. The only exception to this rule is the cut-off date for Batch 4, which is the closing date and time of the overall application period for this grant opportunity.

Question and Answer 2 amended on 13 March 2018

2. How much funding is available for this Program?

There is \$2,165,000 available for the 2018-19 financial year. Projects are generally funded up to a limit of \$50,000 per grant.

3. Is the funding on-going?

No. Funding is for one off projects.

The objective of the Program is to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life for members of the veteran community by providing funding for projects that support activities and services to sustain or enhance health and wellbeing.

The expected outcomes of the Program are to:

- Deliver projects that are sustainable, financially viable and have an ongoing benefit for members of the veteran community;
- Deliver projects that increase opportunities for members of the veteran community, associated with social activity and community participation and/or improve health behaviours and support healthy places.

See the Veteran and Community Grants – Grant Opportunity Guidelines for more detail.

4. 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.

5. How can I submit the Application Form?

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.

This is an online application form that you must submit electronically. If you have any technical difficulties please contact 1800 020 283 or email support@communitygrants.gov.au.

The **Department of Veterans' Affairs/Community Grants Hub** will not provide application forms or accept applications for this grant opportunity by fax or mail.

6. Can I get help to submit my application form?

You can contact the Hub to get support in submitting your application by contacting support@communitygrants.gov.au or calling 1800 020 283.

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

The 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.

8. 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 has been an election commitment by the Coalition over successive elections and remains Government policy.

9. 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](#).

10. Who will be approving DVA grants?

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs will continue to approve grants for DVA.

11. How does this benefit ESOs?

The benefit to ESOs is in reducing red tape and having consistency in applying for grants. Some of the key benefits are:

- information about all Government grants in one location

- reduced red tape, with simpler, more intuitive online services

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

DVA staff working in the Hub will support DVA's grant programs. DVA as a Department will retain responsibility for: policy of its grants programs, ensuring the work of the Hub meets DVA's quality standards, for briefing the Minister on recommended grants and responding to any grants correspondence.

13. Where should I go for further information?

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 or email to support@communitygrants.gov.au. The **Community Grants Hub** will respond to emailed questions within five working days.

Question and answer added 15 March 2018

14. Can an organisation submit multiple proposals? For instance, can we submit two applications for two different activities in two different states? If so, could we be successful in both?

It is certainly acceptable for an organisation to apply for multiple grants for different projects. Each application will be assessed on its merits.

Question and answer added 26 June 2018

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

Yes, as there is nothing in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines that specifies activities need to be undertaken on the mainland. Provided all other requirements are met, then applications covering these Australian Territories would be eligible for consideration.