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Veteran and Community Grants

Feedback Summary

Overview

The Veteran and Community Grants (V&CG) Program (the Program) aims to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of members of the veteran community by providing financial assistance for activities, services and projects that sustain and/or enhance health and well-being.

The objectives of the Program are to:

- provide seeding funds to develop projects that will become sustainable and financially viable; and/or
- provide funds for one off projects that have an ongoing benefit for members of the veteran community;
- increase opportunities for social activity and community participation and/or improve health behaviours and support healthy places.

Selection results

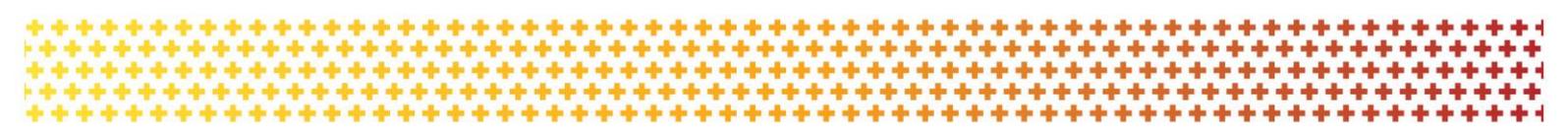
There was a strong response from organisations and community groups across Australia to the V&CG funding Round

All applications under the V&CG Round selection process were assessed in accordance with the Community Grants Hub (the Hub) policies.

Selection process

An open non-competitive selection process was used to ensure all eligible organisations and community groups had an equal opportunity to apply.

Applications were assessed on merit and a comparative analysis made of all applications to establish priority for funding. Responses to the following criteria was examined when assessing applications.



V&CG Aim

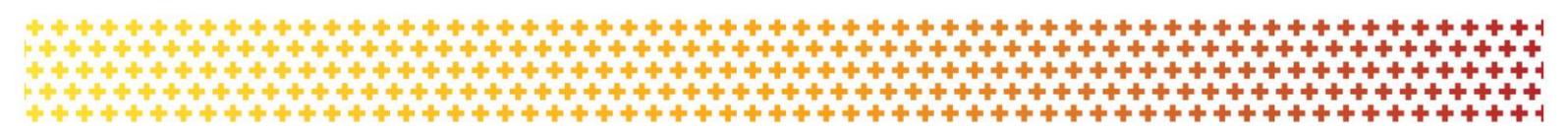
V&CG aims to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of members of the veteran community by providing financial assistance for activities, services and projects that support activities and services that sustain and/or enhance health and well-being.

V&CG Objectives

The objectives of the V&CG Program are to:

- provide seeding funds to develop projects that will become sustainable and financially viable; and/or
 - provide funds for one off projects that have an ongoing benefit for members of the veteran community.
 - Increase opportunities for social activity and community participation and/or improve health behaviours and support healthy places.

 - Target groups
 - The primary target group must be the veteran community, that is, all veterans, their widows/widowers, their spouses, partners, carers and dependants and other members of the ex-service community. The project could also benefit the wider community as a secondary target group.
 - Project outcomes
 - The project must provide one or more of the following outcomes for the veteran community:
 - promote and enhance healthy lifestyles, particularly physical activity and mental wellbeing;
 - support quality, independent living at home;
 - encourage involvement in community activities;
 - reduce social isolation;
 - encourage supportive and safe communities;
 - increase access to community services;
 - address gaps in local services;
 - support carers;
 - healthy nutrition- e.g. Cooking for One or Two
 - social connectedness; and
 - mental wellness.
 - Need
 - Projects must address an identified need within the veteran community that is supported by a needs assessment from the applicant.
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- Contribution
 - Organisations are expected to contribute towards the project - this can be financial or in-kind.
 - Project participants should be encouraged to contribute towards the cost of the project. However, an inability to pay should not exclude people from participating.
 - Value for money
 - Grant funds requested must be proportional to the benefits provided and the number of veteran community members targeted by the project.

General feedback for future Veteran and Community Grants applications

Eligible applications will be considered through an open non-competitive grant process.

The following tips provide guidance in completing applications for V&CG funding.

Read supporting information before applying

- It is important to read all available information provided about V&CG when applying for funding, especially the V&CG Application Guidelines (the Guidelines).
- The Guidelines contain important information about the aim and objectives of the program, eligible applicants and items, application process, timeframes, and how to apply.

Check the application before it is submitted

- Organisations and community groups are encouraged to check the Application Form for completeness prior to making an attempt to submit.
 - Check that all fields in the Application Form have been completed in full.
 - Check that all answers to questions have been entered correctly.
 - Check that any required attachments have been completed in full, including one quote for each requested item.
 - Check that written answers are accurate, clear and easy to read.
 - Check that the application provides a level of detail that is in proportion to the amount of funds requested and the complexity of the project.
- Please note that lack of information may impact on the overall assessment of the application.
- The Grants Support Hotline is available to provide assistance.



Compliance and eligibility

- It is important to read the Guidelines to understand eligibility requirements. Grant funding is only available for eligible items and applicants (providing the proposed project meets the Program's intent) outlined in the Guidelines.
- To be eligible for V&CG funding, an applicant must:
 - be an ex-service organisation, veteran representative group, community based organisation or private organisation; and
 - demonstrate the ability to contribute to the well-being of members of the veteran community through the proposed project.
- Organisations do not need to be incorporated to apply for V&CG funding.
- V&CG is not open to Individuals.