Questions and Answers
Supporting Younger Veterans

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

The Application Form must be submitted by **2.00pm AEST on Tuesday, 14 August 2018**. It is recommended that you submit your application **well before the closing time and date**.

2. Is the funding on-going?

No. Grants are one-off to support a specific activity. However, it should be noted that a criterion for assessment of grants is the sustainability of the proposed activity beyond the life of the grant.

The objectives of the Supporting Younger Veterans (SYV) program are to encourage and support partnership arrangements between ex-service organisations (ESOs) and non ex-service organisations to:

- Deliver services to younger veterans that are innovative, sustainable, build community capacity for the future and complement services already provided by the Commonwealth;

- Expand on existing or well established services offered to younger veterans to new regions within Australia or in development of new services that will be offered in more than one location; and

- Raise awareness of the important issues faced by younger veterans.

3. How much funding is available for this Program?

A total of $1 million is available for the 2018-19 financial year.

There is no maximum or minimum amount that can be sought for this grant opportunity.

4. Who can apply?

You can apply for an SYV grant if you are:

- An Ex-Service Organisation (ESO) that specifically provides support and services to veterans with military service post-1999; and/or are adapting your business model to focus on the SYV cohort.

- A Non-ESO (external to the ESO community) in a partnership arrangement with at least one ESO that directly provides support and services to veterans with military service post-1999; and/or is adapting its business model to focus on the SYV cohort.

In addition, to be eligible for an SYV grant you must be incorporated.

5. How can I Apply?

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 (DVA)/Community Grants Hub** will not provide application forms or accept applications for this grant opportunity by fax or mail.

6. **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 acceptable for an organisation to apply for multiple grants as long as they are for different activities. Each application will be assessed on its merits.

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

No, extensions will not be given.

If an application is late or the Community Grants Hub is requested to approve a lodgement after the closing date the late application policy available on the Community Grants Hub website will apply.

8. **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. 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.

9. **Can I get help to submit my application form?**

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

10. **If an SYV Grant application is approved, when will the grant money be paid?**

You will be notified of the outcome of your application and, if you are successful, you will be sent a Grant Agreement. Payments are made after the applicant and DVA have both signed the Grant Agreement.

11. **Why is DVA using the Community Grants Hub?**

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.

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

DVA will retain responsibility for: policy of its grants programs, ensuring the work of the Community Grants Hub meets DVA's quality standards, for briefing the Minister on recommended grants and responding to relevant grants correspondence.

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

No, the Australian Government is committed to a maintaining a standalone DVA.

14. I'm not familiar with using a computer, so how can I submit my application?

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.*

15. 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.