



# 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 seed funding to develop projects that will become sustainable and financially viable;
- 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 on criteria set out in the V&CG Grant Opportunity Guidelines and 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.

# 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 Grant Opportunity Guidelines (GOG).
- The GOG contain important information about the aim and objectives of the program, eligible applicants and items, the 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 submission.
  - o 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 itemised quote for each requested item.
  - Check that responses to criterion 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 (1800 020 283) is available to provide assistance.
- Calls from mobile phones and pay phones may incur additional charges.

#### Compliance and eligibility

- It is important to read the GOG 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 GOG.
- 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

- $\circ\,$  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.