



Australian Government

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Commonwealth Simple Grant Agreement

between the Commonwealth represented by
Department of Veterans' Affairs

and

Grantee Name

Grant Agreement

Once completed, this document, together with each set of Grant Details and the Commonwealth General Grant Conditions (Schedule 1), forms an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the Grantee.

Parties to this Agreement

The Grantee

Full legal name of Grantee	
Legal entity type	
Trading or business name	
Any relevant licence, registration or provider number	
Australian Company Number (ACN) or other entity identifiers	
Australian Business Number (ABN)	
Registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST)	
Date from which GST registration was effective	
Registered office (physical/postal)	
Relevant business place (if different)	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	

The Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Australia represented by Department of Veterans' Affairs
Gnabra Building, 21 Genge Street, CIVIC ACT 2601
ABN 23 964 290 824

Background

The Commonwealth has agreed to enter into this Agreement under which the Commonwealth will provide the Grantee with one or more Grants for the purpose of assisting the Grantee to undertake the associated Activity.

The Grantee agrees to use each Grant and undertake each Activity in accordance with this Agreement and the relevant Grant Details.

Scope of this Agreement

This Agreement comprises:

- (a) this document;
- (b) the Supplementary Terms (if any);
- (c) the General Grant Conditions (Schedule 1);
- (d) the Grant Details;
- (e) any other document referenced or incorporated in the Grant Details.

Each set of Grant Details, including Supplementary Terms (if any), only applies to the particular Grant and Activity covered by that set of Grant Details and a reference to the 'Agreement' in the Grant Details or the Supplementary Terms is a reference to the Agreement in relation to that particular Grant and Activity. If there is any ambiguity or inconsistency between the documents comprising this Agreement in relation to a Grant, the document appearing higher in the list will have precedence to the extent of the ambiguity or inconsistency.

This Agreement represents the Parties' entire agreement in relation to each Grant provided under it and the relevant Activity and supersedes all prior representations, communications, agreements, statements and understandings, whether oral or in writing.

Certain information contained in or provided under this Agreement may be used for public reporting purposes.

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Grant Details

Organisation ID:	
Agreement ID:	
Schedule ID:	

A. Purpose of the Grant

The purpose of the Grant is to:

Maintain and enhance the financial wellbeing and self-sufficiency of eligible persons and their dependants through access to income support, compensation, and other support services, including advice and information about entitlements.

This Grant is being provided under, and these Grant Details form part of, the Agreement between the Commonwealth and the Grantee.

The Grant is being provided as part of the Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) program.

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B. Activity

B.1 Warranty

You warrant that you have the power to enter into this Agreement to deliver the funded Activity.

In carrying out the Activity, you must:

- (a) Comply with any codes of ethics, regulations or other industry standards relevant to the Activity;
- (b) Comply with all relevant laws and in particular, take all reasonable actions to ensure no fraud occurs;
- (c) Comply with any Commonwealth or departmental policy notified to you in writing; including any new or altered Commonwealth or departmental policy;

B.2 Deliverables

The Activity must support the work of military compensation advocates, welfare advocates, welfare support officers and administrative assistants supporting that work.

Military Compensation Advocates

A military compensation advocate assists veteran and defence community members and their dependants to prepare and lodge compensation and benefits claims with the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA).

Advocates must be obtaining and/or maintaining appropriate levels of training under the Advocacy Training and Development Program (ATDP) or hold Level 3 or 4 qualifications under the Training and Information Program (TIP). They must also be accredited by their ex-service organisation (ESO).

Military compensation advocates with higher level training may also be involved in preparing cases for review before the Veterans' Review Board (VRB) and/or the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT).

Welfare Advocates

A welfare advocate provides veteran and defence community members with information on, and assists with, access to health, housing and other community services and benefits. A welfare advocate officer must also be obtaining and/or maintaining appropriate levels of training under the ATDP and be accredited by their ESO.

Welfare Support Officers

A welfare support officer provides companionship to veterans, makes home and hospital visits, and undertakes other non-advisory support tasks.

Administrative Assistants

An administrative assistant provides general secretarial and administrative assistance and/or office management services to support the work of compensation and welfare advocates and welfare support officers.

Practitioner information

As outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, you may be required to provide a report regarding the practitioners providing advocacy services for your organisation.

Expenditure

As outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, you may be required to provide an expenditure report, which includes evidence that the amount of the grant received to date has been spent in accordance with the grant project.

B.3 Funding

You are required to use the funding as specified in the following table:

Salary	Administration	Total

[OR]

Sponsorship Arrangement

You are required to pay the full amount to the sponsored organisation(s) listed below:

Name of Sponsored organisation	Salary \$	Administration \$	Total \$ (GST exclusive)

Performance Indicators

The Activity will be measured against the following Performance Indicator/s:

Performance Indicator Description	Measure
Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Location Information

The Activity will be delivered from the following site location/s:

	Location Type	Name	Address
1.			

Service Area Information

The Activity will service the following service area/s:

	Type	Service Area
1.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

C. Duration of the Activity

The Activity starts on **Start Date**.

The Activity (other than the provision of any final reports) ends on **End Date**, which is the Activity's Completion Date.

The Agreement ends on **Completion Date** or when the Grantee has provided all of the reports and repaid any Grant amount as required under this Agreement.

D. Payment of the Grant

The total amount of the Grant is \$XXX* (GST exclusive).

A break down by Financial Year is below:

Financial Year	Amount * (excl. GST)
2020-2021	

*This amount may include Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010 Supplementation (SACS).

The Grantee must ensure that the Grant is held in an account in the Grantee's name and which the Grantee controls, with an authorised deposit-taking institution authorised under the Banking Act 1959 (Cth) to carry on banking business in Australia.

The Grantee's nominated bank account into which the Grant is to be paid is:

BSB Number	
Financial Institution	
Account Number	
Account Name	

The Grant will be paid in instalments by the Commonwealth in accordance with the agreed Milestones, and compliance by the Grantee with its obligations under this Agreement.

Milestone	Anticipated date	Amount (excl. GST)	GST	Total (incl. GST)
Full payment of 2020-21 funds	On Execution	\$XXX	\$0.00	\$XXX
Total Amount		\$XXX	\$0.00	\$XXX

Invoicing

The Grantee agrees to allow the Commonwealth to issue it with a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) for any taxable supplies it makes in relation to the Activity.

Taxes, duties and government charges

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) advises that Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) grants are considered a Financial Assistance Payment and as such, are not subject to GST.

Organisations Registered for GST:

In accordance with ATO advice, the grant you receive from DVA is not considered as a taxable supply, therefore, there is no need to remit any GST to the ATO. You may wish to claim an input tax credit through your BAS Statement to the ATO for any GST component of purchased items or services.

Organisations NOT Registered for GST:

The full amount, including any GST component that may be paid to a third party, will be included in the grant amount. The total grant amount is a GST free payment.

E. Reporting

The Grantee agrees to create the following reports in the form specified and to provide the reports to the Commonwealth representative in accordance with the following:

Milestone	Information to be included	Due Date
Final Report	A report of outcomes for the funded Activity based on monitoring and data collection methods agreed with between the Parties as set out in Item E.5	31 October 2021
Financial Acquittal Report	Financial Acquittal from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 as per Item E.4	31 October 2021

E.1 Performance Reports

None Specified

E.2 Activity Work Plan

None Specified

E.3 Annual Report

None Specified

E.4 Accounting for the Grant

Non-Audited Financial Acquittal Report

You are required to provide a non-audited financial acquittal report for each financial year funded under this Grant Agreement covering the Activity/ies in this Schedule.

A non-audited financial acquittal report is an income and expenditure statement from the grant recipient stating that grant funding was spent to perform the Activity(ies) as set out in the grant agreement. If relevant, the grant recipient must include in the statement the details of any unspent funds.

Non-audited financial acquittals must be certified by the Board, Chief Executive Officer or an authorised officer of the Organisation.

E.5 Other Reports

Final Report

For the purposes of this Agreement, Final Report means a document to be completed by you, on a template provided by us.

F. Party representatives and address for notices

Grantee's representative and address

Grantee's representative name	
Position	
Postal/physical address(es)	
Business hours telephone	
Mobile	
Fax	
E-mail	

Commonwealth representative and address

Name of representative	
Position	
Postal/physical address(es)	
Business hours telephone	
Mobile	
E-mail	

The Parties' representatives will be responsible for liaison and the day-to-day management of the Grant, as well as accepting and issuing any written notices in relation to the Grant.

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Signatures

Executed as an Agreement

Organisation ID:	
Agreement ID:	

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by the relevant Delegate, represented by and acting through **Department of Veterans' Affairs, ABN 23 964 290 824** in the presence of:

_____ (Name of Departmental Representative)	_____ (Signature of Departmental Representative) /...../.....
_____ (Position of Departmental Representative)	
_____ (Name of Witness in full)	_____ (Signature of Witness) /...../.....

Signed for and on behalf of **Grantee Name, Grantee ABN** in accordance with its rules, and who warrants that he/she is authorised to sign this Agreement:

_____ (Name and position held by Signatory)	_____ (Signature) /...../.....
_____ (Name and position held by second Signatory/Name of Witness)	_____ (Signature of second Signatory/Witness) /...../.....

Notes about the signature block

- If you are an **incorporated association**, you must refer to the legislation incorporating the association as it will specify how documents must be executed. This process may differ between each State and Territory. If an authorised person is executing a document on behalf of the incorporated association, you should be prepared to provide evidence of this authorisation upon request.
- If you are a **company**, generally two signatories are required – the signatories can be two Directors or a Director and the Company Secretary. Affix your **Company Seal**, if required by your Constitution.
- If you are a **company with a sole Director/Secretary**, the Director/Secretary is required to be the signatory in the presence of a witness. Affix your **Company Seal**, if required by your Constitution.
- If you are a **partnership**, the signatory must be a partner with the authority to sign on behalf of all partners receiving the grant. A witness to the signature is required.
- If you are an **individual**, you must sign in the presence of a witness.
- If you are a **university**, the signatory can be an officer authorised by the legislation creating the university to enter into legally binding documents. A witness to the signature is required.

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1. Undertaking the Activity

The Grantee agrees to undertake the Activity in accordance with this Agreement.

2. Acknowledgements

The Grantee agrees to acknowledge the Commonwealth's support in Material published in connection with this Agreement and agrees to use any form of acknowledgment the Commonwealth reasonably specifies.

3. Notices

3.1 Each Party agrees to notify the other Party of anything reasonably likely to adversely affect the undertaking of the Activity, management of the Grant or its performance of its other requirements under this Agreement.

3.2 A notice under this Agreement must be in writing, signed by the Party giving notice and addressed to the other Party's representative.

3.3 The Commonwealth may, by notice, advise the Grantee of changes to the Agreement that are minor or of an administrative nature provided that any such changes do not increase the Grantee's obligations under this Agreement. Such changes, while legally binding, are not variations for the purpose of clause 7.

4. Relationship between the Parties

A Party is not by virtue of this Agreement the employee, agent or partner of the other Party and is not authorised to bind or represent the other Party.

5. Subcontracting

5.1 The Grantee is responsible for the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including in relation to any tasks undertaken by subcontractors.

5.2 The Grantee agrees to make available to the Commonwealth the details of any of its subcontractors engaged to perform any tasks in relation to this Agreement upon request.

6. Conflict of interest

The Grantee agrees to notify the Commonwealth promptly of any actual, perceived or potential conflicts of interest which could affect its performance of this Agreement and agrees to take action to resolve the conflict.

7. Variation

This Agreement may be varied in writing only, signed by both Parties.

8. Payment of the Grant

8.1 The Commonwealth agrees to pay the Grant to the Grantee in accordance with the Grant Details.

8.2 The Commonwealth may by notice withhold payment of any amount of the Grant where it

reasonably believes the Grantee has not complied with this Agreement or is unable to undertake the Activity.

8.3 A notice under clause 8.2 will contain the reasons for any payment being withheld and the steps the Grantee can take to address those reasons.

8.4 The Commonwealth will pay the withheld amount once the Grantee has satisfactorily addressed the reasons contained in a notice under clause 8.2.

9. Spending the Grant

9.1 The Grantee agrees to spend the Grant for the purpose of undertaking the Activity only.

9.2 The Grantee agrees to provide a statement signed by the Grantee verifying the Grant was spent in accordance with the Agreement.

10. Repayment

10.1 If any of the Grant has been spent other than in accordance with this Agreement or any amount of the Grant is additional to the requirements of the Activity, the Grantee agrees to repay that amount to the Commonwealth unless agreed otherwise.

10.2 The amount to be repaid under clause 10.1 may be deducted by the Commonwealth from subsequent payments of the Grant or amounts payable under another agreement between the Grantee and the Commonwealth.

11. Record keeping

The Grantee agrees to maintain records of the expenditure of the Grant.

12. Intellectual Property

12.1 Subject to clause 12.2, the Grantee owns the Intellectual Property Rights in Activity Material and Reporting Material.

12.2 This Agreement does not affect the ownership of Intellectual Property Rights in Existing Material.

12.3 The Grantee gives the Commonwealth a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free licence to use, reproduce, publish and adapt Reporting Material for Commonwealth Purposes.

13. Privacy

When dealing with Personal Information in carrying out the Activity, the Grantee agrees not to do anything which, if done by the Commonwealth, would be a breach of an Australian Privacy Principle.

14. Confidentiality

The Parties agree not to disclose each other's confidential information without prior written consent unless required or authorised by law or Parliament.

15. Insurance

The Grantee agrees to maintain adequate insurance for the duration of this Agreement and provide the Commonwealth with proof when requested.

16. Indemnities

16.1 The Grantee indemnifies the Commonwealth, its officers, employees and contractors against any claim, loss or damage arising in connection with the Activity.

16.2 The Grantee's obligation to indemnify the Commonwealth will reduce proportionally to the extent any act or omission involving fault on the part of the Commonwealth contributed to the claim, loss or damage.

17. Dispute resolution

17.1 The Parties agree not to initiate legal proceedings in relation to a dispute unless they have tried and failed to resolve the dispute by negotiation.

17.2 The Parties agree to continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement where a dispute exists.

17.3 The procedure for dispute resolution does not apply to action relating to termination or urgent litigation.

18. Termination for default

The Commonwealth may terminate this Agreement by notice where it reasonably believes the Grantee:

- (a) has breached this Agreement; or
- (b) has provided false or misleading statements in their application for the Grant; or
- (c) has become bankrupt or insolvent, entered into a scheme of arrangement with creditors, or come under any form of external administration.

19. Cancellation for convenience

19.1 The Commonwealth may cancel this Agreement by notice, due to:

- (a) a change in government policy; or
- (b) a Change in the Control of the Grantee, which the Commonwealth believes will negatively affect the Grantee's ability to comply with this Agreement.

19.2 The Grantee agrees on receipt of a notice of cancellation under clause 19.1 to:

- (a) stop the performance of the Grantee's obligations as specified in the notice; and
- (b) take all available steps to minimise loss resulting from that cancellation.

19.3 In the event of cancellation under clause 19.1, the Commonwealth will be liable only to:

- (a) pay any part of the Grant due and owing to the Grantee under this Agreement at the date of the notice; and

- (b) reimburse any reasonable expenses the Grantee unavoidably incurs that relate directly to the cancellation and are not covered by 19.3(a).

19.4 The Commonwealth's liability to pay any amount under this clause is subject to:

- (a) the Grantee's compliance with this Agreement; and
- (b) the total amount of the Grant.

19.5 The Grantee will not be entitled to compensation for loss of prospective profits or benefits that would have been conferred on the Grantee.

20. Survival

Clauses 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 20 and 21 survive termination, cancellation or expiry of this Agreement.

21. Definitions

In this Agreement, unless the contrary appears:

- **Activity** means the activities described in the Grant Details.
- **Activity Completion Date** means the date or event specified in the Grant Details.
- **Activity Material** means any Material, other than Reporting Material, created or developed by the Grantee as a result of the Activity and includes any Existing Material that is incorporated in or supplied with the Activity Material.
- **Agreement** means the Grant Details, Supplementary Terms (if any), the Commonwealth General Grant Conditions and any other document referenced or incorporated in the Grant Details.
- **Agreement End Date** means the date or event specified in the Grant Details.
- **Asset** means any item of property purchased wholly, or in part, with the use of the Grant [, excluding Activity Material [and/, Intellectual Property Rights] [and real property].
- **Australian Privacy Principle** has the same meaning as in the *Privacy Act 1988*.
- **Change in the Control** means any change in any person(s) who directly exercise effective control over the Grantee.
- **Commonwealth** means the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Commonwealth entity specified in the Agreement and includes, where relevant, its officers, employees, contractors and agents.
- **Commonwealth General Grant Conditions** means this document.
- **Commonwealth Purposes** does not include commercialisation or the provision of the Material to a third party for its commercial use.

- **Existing Material** means Material developed independently of this Agreement that is incorporated in or supplied as part of Reporting Material or Activity Material.
- **Grant** means the money, or any part of it, payable by the Commonwealth to the Grantee as specified in the Grant Details [and includes any interest earned by the Grantee on that money once the Grant has been paid to the Grantee].
- **Grantee** means the legal entity specified in the Agreement and includes, where relevant, its officers, employees, contractors and agents.
- **Grant Details** means the document titled Grant Details that forms part of this Agreement.
- **Intellectual Property Rights** means all copyright, patents, registered and unregistered trademarks (including service marks), registered designs, and other rights resulting from intellectual activity (other than moral rights under the *Copyright Act 1968*).
- **Material** includes documents, equipment, software (including source code and object code versions), goods, information and data stored by any means including all copies and extracts of them.
- **Party** means the Grantee or the Commonwealth.
- **Personal Information** has the same meaning as in the *Privacy Act 1988*.
- **Reporting Material** means all Material which the Grantee is required to provide to the Commonwealth for reporting purposes as specified in the Grant Details and includes any Existing Material that is incorporated in or supplied with the Reporting Material.