Supporting Younger Veterans

Feedback Summary

Overview

The Supporting Younger Veterans (SYV) program (the program) aims to foster the ability of ex-service organisations (ESOs) and non ex-service organisations to support the needs of younger veterans as they transition out of the Australian Defence Force (ADF), establish themselves into civilian life, and manage the challenges that their ADF service presents through different stages of their civilian life.

The expected outcomes of the program are to:
- support the development of well researched and tailored services for the younger veterans' community, with a particular focus on services supporting those at risk of experiencing poor mental health.
- develop capability within the Veteran community that services the unique needs of the younger veterans' community.
- fund organisations that can sustainably deliver services to the younger veterans' community now and into the future.
- increase collaboration amongst organisations to expand services and harness existing expertise for the benefit of the younger veterans' community.
- increase awareness of younger veterans' community issues and/or services within the Australian and Veteran communities, where doing so would benefit the younger veterans' community.

2019-20 Priority Outcome

For the 2019-20 funding round, priority was given to applications that support the development of well-researched and tailored services for the younger veterans' community with a particular focus on services supporting those 'at risk' of experiencing poor mental health (Outcome 1).

These priority activities must:
- be based on research into a particular aspect of mental health and social well-being issue/s experienced by younger veterans, as they transition to civilian life
- develop and implement service delivery model/s to address the identified issue/s
- include measureable outcomes around the extent to which the funded activity addressed the identified issue/s and include assessment of why it was successful/unsuccessful
- provide DVA with a report of those outcomes at the conclusion of the activity.

Selection results

There was a strong response from organisations and community groups across Australia to the SYV funding round.

All applications under the SYV selection process were assessed against the criteria set out in the SYV Grant Opportunity Guidelines (GOG) and in accordance with the Community Grants Hub (the Hub) policies.

Selection process

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

Applications were assessed against the eligibility and selection criteria.

Applications submitted under the 2019-20 Priority Outcome were required to address criteria one and two:

Criterion 1. What research into mental health issues affecting younger veterans informs the proposed activity?

Criterion 2. What tailored service/s will be provided to meet the needs of veterans at risk of poor mental health?

Every application was required to address the following criteria:

Criterion 3. What skills or capability will be developed to meet the needs of the younger veterans' community?

Criterion 4. How will the activity be sustained and available to the younger veterans' community into the future?

Criterion 5. How will the activity increase collaboration to expand services and harness existing expertise?

Criterion 6. How will the project increase awareness of younger veterans' community issues?

Criterion 7. How will your organisation assess its success in reaching all the identified grant outcome/s?

Criterion 8. What are the risks associated with the proposed activities and how will they be managed?

Criterion 9. Value for Money

General feedback for future Supporting Younger Veterans applications

Eligible applications were considered through an open competitive grant process.

The following tips provide guidance in completing applications for SYV funding.

Read supporting information before applying

- It is important to read all available information provided about SYV when applying for funding, especially the SYV GOG.

- The GOG contains important information about the aims 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 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.

  o Check that all answers to questions have been entered correctly.

  o Check that any required attachments have been completed in full, including a Project Budget, a quote for each requested item, your two most recent sets of financial statements, and the Partnership/Consortium Arrangement Letter of Declaration (if applying as in a partnership or consortium arrangement).

  o Check that responses to criterion are accurate, clear and easy to read.

  o 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.

- All information requested on the application form must be provided to enable an application to be fully considered.

- The Grants Support Hotline (1800 020 283*) is available to provide assistance to you when you are completing your application.

  *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 projects/activities as outlined in the GOG.

SYV is open to:

- ESOs that specifically provide support and services to veterans with military service post-1999; and/or are adapting their business model to focus on the SYV cohort; and
- Non-ESOs (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 are adapting their business model to focus on the SYV cohort.

Funding can be used to deliver activities that meet the objectives and outcomes of the SYV program. Although funding for salary and administration costs will be considered, it should be noted that wages/salaries and or administration costs must relate to the set-up of the activity and, cannot be claimed for ongoing program or service delivery. Set-up costs should be detailed clearly in your project budget.

Grant funding cannot be used for the following activities:

- purchase of land;
- wages for ongoing program or service delivery - wages to set-up a service or set-up an expansion of existing services are the exception;
- major capital expenditure;
- the covering of retrospective costs;
- costs incurred in the preparation of a grant application or related documentation;
- general ongoing administration related to running an organisation such as electricity, phone and rent;
- major construction/capital works;
- overseas travel; and
- activities for which other Commonwealth, State, Territory or Local Government bodies have primary responsibility.

Your organisation cannot be receiving funding from the Australian Government and/or another organisation either directly or indirectly via a third party for the same purpose as the activity proposed under this granting opportunity.