

Questions and Answers

DVA's Veteran and Community Grants

1. What are DVA's Veteran and Community Grants for?

Veteran and Community Grants are for activities and services to improve the health and wellbeing of members of the veteran community.

For example, the grants provide seed funding for projects to promote a healthy lifestyle or help veterans to remain living independently in their own homes. They also fund programs to reduce social isolation, support carers and improve access to community services.

See the Veteran and Community Grants Opportunity Guidelines on the Community Grants Hub (www.communitygrants.gov.au) for more information.

2. Are the Veteran and Community Grants for ongoing projects?

No, the grants are for one-off projects. The Veteran and Community Grants are to:

- provide seed funding to develop projects which will become sustainable and financially viable,
- provide funds for one-off projects which have an ongoing benefit for the veteran community, and/or
- increase opportunities for social activity and community participation, promote healthy lifestyles and/or increase wellbeing.

3. How much funding is available for Veterans and Community Grants?

There is \$2,165,000 available for the 2018-19 financial year.

4. Who can apply for Veteran and Community Grants?

Ex-service organisations, veterans' groups, community organisations and private companies are all eligible to apply for Veteran and Community Grants.

5. How do I apply for a Veteran and Community Grant?

You need to submit your grant application using the online form on the Community Grants Hub (www.communitygrants.gov.au). The application form includes help information.

Please note: the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Community Grants Hub do not provide application forms and paper based grant applications will no longer be accepted.

6. Can I get help to complete my application form?

Assistance can be provided through the Community Grants Hub. Please email support@communitygrants.gov.au or phone 1800 020 283 for assistance.

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

- Applications need to be submitted by **2.00pm AEDT on Thursday, 28 February 2019**. It is recommended you submit your application **well before the closing time and date**.

Applications are accepted continuously throughout the year up to this date. Applications are assessed and funded in four batches:

Batch	Applications included in batch
1	All applications submitted by 31 May 2018
2	All applications submitted by 31 August 2018
3	All applications submitted by 30 November 2018 .
4	All applications submitted by 2:00 PM AEDT on 28 February 2019 .

8. If I am not able to submit my application by the due date, can the Community Grants Hub grant an extension?

The dates for the first three batches indicate when your application will be assessed. They are not deadlines you need to meet. If you miss the date for the first batch, for example, your application will be considered in the second batch.

However, the last date and time listed – **2:00 PM AEDT on 28 February 2019** – is the final closing date and time for these grants and extensions won't be granted.

In this case it is expected that you will need to apply as part of the 2019/20 Veterans and Community Grants Program. Information on Veteran and Community Grant funding for future financial years will be available closer to the beginning of that financial year.

9. When will I know the outcome of my application?

You will be notified of the outcome of your application at the end of the assessment process for each batch. The assessment process starts at the cut-off dates in the table above.

10. If a Veteran and Community 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 made after the applicant and DVA have both signed a Grant Agreement.

11. Why is DVA using the Community Grants Hub?

The 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 has staff seconded to work in the Community Grants Hub. The Department of Veterans' Affairs will retain control of grants policy and funding. The Minister for Veterans' Affairs will still approve successful DVA grants.

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

No, the Australian Government is committed to maintaining a standalone Department of Veterans' Affairs.

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

You can access digital training through the Australian Government's 'Be Connected' program.

The program provides free computer training for individuals aged over 50 years old. With this program you can learn the basics of using digital devices and engaging with the internet.

'Be Connected' has been set up especially for people who have rarely or never used a computer.

To find out more, phone 1300 795 897 or visit the [Be Connected](#) website:
www.beconnected.esafety.gov.au

If you think you will need any help, please ask for help early. This will ensure that any issues can be worked through in time for your application to be considered for funding.

15. Where can I go for more information?

More information can be found in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines on the Community Grants Hub website (www.communitygrants.gov.au) on the 'Veteran and Community Grants' page. (Scroll down to find Open Grants.)

If you have any questions contact the Community Grants Hub on 1800 020 283 or email support@communitygrants.gov.au.

The best way to keep across which grants are opening on the hub is to click on [Subscribe for updates](#) on the Community Grants Hub homepage: www.communitygrants.gov.au