



Australian Government

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Factsheet GS03 - Veteran and Community Grants Program

Purpose

This Factsheet provides information about the Veteran and Community Grants (V&CG) program, and how to apply.

What are V&CG?

V&CG are for all veterans, their spouses, partners, widows/widowers, carers, dependants and other members of the ex-service community. Projects may also benefit the wider community. V&CG support activities and services that sustain and/or enhance health and well-being.

V&CG provide seeding funds for projects that support a healthy, quality lifestyle for members of the veteran community and assist them to remain living independently in their own homes. V&CG also provides funding for initiatives that reduce social isolation, support carers and improve access to community services.

What is eligible?

V&CG assist projects that will become sustainable and financially viable, or one-off projects that have an ongoing health benefit for the veteran community. V&CG are not provided for recurrent or ongoing financial assistance.

Eligible items, funding exclusions and limits are outlined in the [Veteran & Community Grant Guidelines](#) available on the [Veteran & Community Grants](#) page of the DVA website at www.dva.gov.au/consultation-and-grants/grants/grant-and-bursary-programs/veteran-and-community-grants

Who can apply?

To be eligible for V&CG funding, an applicant must be able to demonstrate their ability to contribute to the welfare of members of the veteran community through the proposed project and be an

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- veteran representative group
- community-based organisation; or
- private organisation..

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When is funding available?

Funding decisions are made on an ongoing, rolling basis. When DVA has received a sufficient number of applications or a two month period has passed, a funding round will be processed for the Minister's decision. The funding year starts on 1 July and any applications received between then and 1 September will be submitted to DVA's Minister for decision as soon as possible.

How to apply

Before completing an application for V&CG funding, applicants should read the Veteran and Community Grants Guidelines. Potential applicants should discuss their proposed project with a Community Adviser at their local VAN office before completing an application for V&CG funding. Community Advisers will assist in the development of the project and any subsequent application for V&CG funding. DVA staff members are available to assist with the development of applications.

Requests for funding must be submitted on form [D1098 Application for Veteran and Community Grants](#). The application form, [Veteran & Community Grant Guidelines](#) and the [Guide to Completing a Veteran and Community Grants Application Form](#) are available on the [Veteran & Community Grants Program](#) page of the DVA website at <http://www.dva.gov.au/consultation-and-grants/grants/grant-and-bursary-programs/veteran-and-community-grants>

Applications will be accepted at any time and must be sent to:

Manager Grants Administration
Department of Veterans' Affairs
GPO Box 9998
ADELAIDE SA 5001

How are applications assessed?

DVA staff assess the applications and pass on their recommendations to the Minister, who makes the final decision. Applicants are notified in writing of the Minister's decision.

What is required if the grant is approved?

The applicant is required to sign documentation accepting the grant and associated conditions. The signed documentation must be received by DVA before the grant can be paid. The preferred method of payment to a grantee is by direct debit to the applicant's bank account.

Applicants are required to acquit the grant once the project is completed. This is expected within a specified timeframe of 12 months.

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The information contained in this Factsheet is general in nature and does not take into account individual circumstances. You should not make important decisions, such as those that affect your financial or lifestyle position on the basis of information contained in this Factsheet. Where you are required to lodge a written claim for a benefit, you must take full responsibility for your decisions prior to the written claim being determined. You should seek confirmation in writing of any oral advice you receive from DVA.

Related Factsheets

- [GS01 Overview of Grants Schemes](#)

Related Forms

- [D1098 Application for Veteran and Community Grants](#)

More Information

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