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Veteran and Community Grants (VCGs)

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Aim - VCG

To maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of the veteran community through activities or services that maintain and / or enhance well being



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Target Group

- Veterans
- their widow(er)s
- their spouses
- their carers
- their dependants
- members of the broader community





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Objectives

The objective of VCGs is to support projects that:

- promote healthy lifestyles
- support quality independent living at home
- encourage involvement in community activities

Objectives cont...

- increase access to community care services
- address gaps in local services
- provide support for carers



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Who Can Apply

- Ex-service organisations
- Community based organisations
- Other organisations



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Important Points

- Address an identified veteran need and benefit the veteran community
- Grants range between \$2,000 and \$50,000
- 3 funding rounds per year
- Competitive process
- Limited funding
- Value for money



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Important Points cont...

- Contribution by organisation
- Projects must be financially viable and sustainable beyond the funding period
- Recurrent funding is not available
- The Guidelines contain funding exclusions



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Important Points cont...

- Demonstrate adequate evaluation and accountability mechanisms
- Funding for purchase, lease or construction of buildings is not available (including Sheds)



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Examples:

- Volunteer lawn mowing project
- Equipment for Drop-in centre/Mens' Shed
- Day Club establishment
- Equipment of Exercise program



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Grant Guidelines

Guidelines can be obtained from the
Internet:

www.dva.gov.au/health/grants/vcgrants/guidelines.htm



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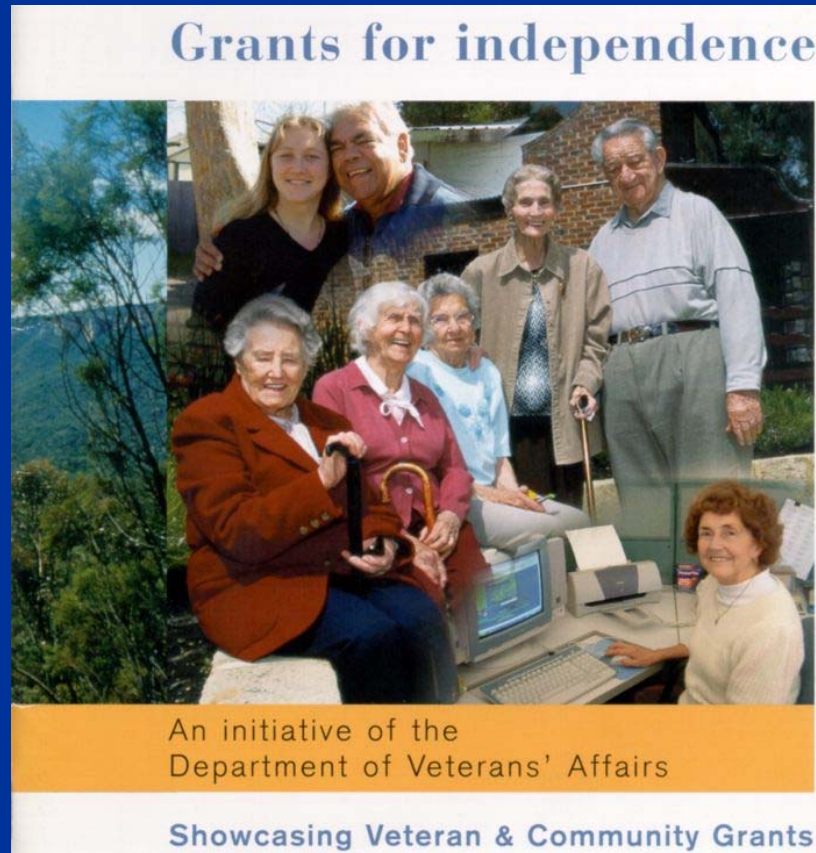
DVA Assistance

Contact your local Community Adviser:

- for further information on Veteran and Community Grants
- support to develop your project
- 1300 55 1918 or 133 254



Grants for independence booklet



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