

HONOURING OUR VETERANS

COMMUNITY GRANTS
PROGRAM 2026

ROUND TWO



Message from the Premier and Minister for Veterans

Queensland's veterans and their families have made an enduring contribution to our state and nation – one defined by service, sacrifice and commitment. It is our responsibility to ensure that legacy is recognised, preserved and meaningfully honoured.

The Honouring our Veterans Grants Program continues to play a vital role in delivering on the Queensland Government's \$26.4 million commitment to veterans and their families.

Through this investment, we are supporting projects that preserve stories of service, strengthen recognition, and deepen community understanding across our state.

This next round comes at an important time. Home to the largest veterans' community in Australia, Queensland must lead in how we honour service while ensuring veterans and their families feel valued, connected and supported – both now and into the future.

Through the Honouring our Veterans Grants Program, organisations across Queensland are empowered to deliver meaningful local initiatives – from commemorative events and educational projects to lasting infrastructure that strengthens connection and keeps the stories of service alive across our state.

Importantly, this program also supports the Queensland Government's first Veterans and Veterans' Families Strategy. This will mark a step forward in delivering more coordinated, targeted support and improved outcomes for veterans and their families.

I encourage eligible organisations to apply for this next round of Honouring our Veterans Grants program and to think boldly about how we continue to honour service, strengthen community connection, and ensure the legacy of Queensland veterans endure.



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Premier and Minister for Veterans

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Terms and Conditions and Definitions

A word that is defined in the Terms and Conditions has the same meaning when used in these Guidelines, unless it is expressly defined in these Guidelines, in which case the meaning in these Guidelines applies.

These guidelines are to be read together with the Terms and Conditions published on the Queensland Veterans' Portal at <https://www.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf/file/0027/890244/honouringour-veterans-grants-2026.pdf>.

Program overview

The **Honouring our Veterans Grants Program** offers three grant streams:

Honouring our Veterans – Community Grants

1. Providing grants to support eligible organisations in delivering commemorative activities, events, and initiatives that educate and raise awareness about veterans' contributions.

Honouring our Veterans – Capital Works Grants (Minor and Major)

2. **Minor Capital Works** – Designed to support projects such as the creation or refurbishment of war memorials, avenues of honour, memorial gardens, or the repair and maintenance of buildings or facilities.

3. **Major Capital Works** – Focused on delivering larger-scale projects, including the construction of new infrastructure or facilities that directly support services for veterans and their families. This may also include building refurbishments or upgrades, improving accessibility for people with disabilities, or enhancing communal meeting areas.

Information and guidelines for each program can be found at www.qld.gov.au/honouringourveterans.

This document sets out the guidelines for the **Honouring Our Veterans – Community Grants**.

Applicants may submit applications for each stream of the **Honouring Our Veterans Grants Program**, provided each application is for a distinct and separate project.

Projects funded under the Honouring Our Veterans Grants Program will not receive additional funding for the same project or subsequent stages of the same project in future funding rounds of the program.

Veterans Queensland, Department of the Premier and Cabinet (the department) is responsible for administering the **Honouring Our Veterans Grants Program**.

Program objective

The primary objective of the Community grants scheme is to enhance community appreciation of veterans' service by supporting projects that commemorate veterans' contributions, educate the public, and foster meaningful participation that brings people together to remember, learn and/or commemorate.

Expected program outcomes

Community grants will achieve the following outcomes:

- **Strengthen recognition and remembrance** – support communities to respectfully commemorate and honour Queensland veterans' service and sacrifice.
- **Increase awareness and understanding** – provide opportunities for the public, including younger generations, to learn about veterans' experiences and contributions.
- **Enhance social connection and participation** – foster inclusive activities and events that bring veterans, their families and communities together.
- **Promote wellbeing and inclusion** – deliver activities or programs that focus on veterans' mental health, wellbeing, and foster greater inclusion within their communities

Key dates

Projects funded under this round of Community grants must be delivered and acquitted between the date of the **Letter of Agreement** for a project and **30 June 2028**.

Applications open	8 June 2026
Applications close	4 September 2026
Project completion	Projects must be delivered by 30 June 2028

* Dates may be subject to change as required by DPC.

Program funding

Criteria	Community
Funding available	Funding up to \$75,000 (excl GST)
Co-contribution requirements	Applicants that make a cash co-contribution at least 10% towards the total project costs may be prioritised.
Quotes	Written quotes must be provided with your application for all items over \$500 (excl GST).
Project management fees	Not eligible
Funding requirements	Where the project includes constructed works, funding will depend on the completed works being used and maintained by the Applicant or an eligible third party for at least two years after the project is finished.
Property ownership	Where the project includes constructed works, Applicants must provide proof of property ownership or, if they are not the owner, written consent or approval to carry out the proposed works and use the property for at least two years after project is finished.
Auspice arrangements	If the Applicant organisation is unincorporated, it can arrange for an incorporated organisation to act as an auspice on their behalf. Refer to the ' Auspice arrangements ' section.

Applicants cannot apply for funding for items that have been funded from another source. Applicants will be asked to provide a detailed breakdown of funding support in the Application form.

Please note that successful Applicants may not receive the full amount of funding requested in their Application. The assessment process may result in partial funding being offered to ensure the equitable distribution of available funds and to support as many eligible projects as possible. Applicants should plan their project budgets accordingly and consider how they would manage their project if awarded partial funding.

The Applicant will be responsible for meeting any cost increases that may occur for any reason over the course of the project.

Applicants with outstanding financial accountability, service delivery or performance issues for activities previously funded by the Queensland Government, may be ineligible to receive funding under this grants program. Applicants are required to declare any issues during the Application process.

Organisation eligibility

Eligible organisations

Organisations eligible for funding:

- an organisation incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Qld)* or equivalent legislation
- a company incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*
- a registered charity or not-for-profit organisation registered with Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)
- school parent associations
- Independent and Catholic schools
- registered past student associations representing past students of a recognised educational institution (including Independent, Catholic and state schools, universities, and other educational bodies)
- local authorities.

In addition, Applicants must:

- have a valid Australian Business Number (ABN)
- demonstrate financial solvency with supporting evidence satisfactory to DPC
- be based in Australia, provided the project is located and delivered in Queensland
- have met acquittal conditions for previous Queensland Government grant funding (if applicable)
- have appropriate public liability insurance cover (at least \$20 million)

Ineligible organisations

Organisations ineligible for funding:

- individuals
- organisations operating on a 'for profit' basis
- organisations that receive revenue from electronic gaming
- hospitals, nursing homes or health care centres
- state primary or secondary schools (Parent associations are eligible. See above)
- state or federal government departments or agencies
- government owned corporations
- organisations that have failed to comply with the terms and conditions of previously awarded grants from any Queensland Government grant program
- political parties

Auspice arrangements

If your organisation is not incorporated or does not have an ABN, you may consider partnering with another organisation that meets these eligibility criteria and which will accept legal responsibility for the grant. This is known as an auspice arrangement.

If the Application is successful, your organisation will deliver the activity, but the Auspice Organisation will be responsible for:

- signing the Letter of Agreement with DPC
- ensuring the legal and financial requirements of the grant and Letter of Agreement are met
- receiving and distributing grant funds under the Letter of Agreement
- ensuring all project activities are completed
- submitting reports and financial acquittals on behalf of your organisation

If you want to set up an auspice arrangement, the Application must include:

- a letter of support from the Auspice Organisation, clearly explaining the roles and responsibilities of both; and acceptance of the responsibilities as outlined above.

Please note:

- The Auspice Organisation must formally agree to support your Application before you submit it.
- DPC may decide to communicate with the Auspice Organisation (instead of, or in addition to, the Applicant) in relation to any aspect of the Letter of Agreement.

Project Eligibility

Eligible projects

While it is not possible to provide an exhaustive list of projects and items that qualify or do not qualify for funding, the following examples serve as a general guide:

Category	Eligible	Not eligible
Commemorative activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public commemorative events for significant anniversaries of wars, conflicts or peace keeping operations. A significant anniversary is defined as one which is divisible by 5 or 10. Community-led events that honour or commemorate the service and sacrifice of Australian and/or Queensland veterans, particularly events of local or regional significance. Exhibitions or community art projects highlighting veterans' contributions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recurrent annual commemorative events, such as Anzac Day or Remembrance Day ceremonies. Events that do not provide direct benefit to the veteran community. Veterans' reunions, retreats and conferences. Other than in relation to a school, activities, events which prohibit public access. Events which result in a profit. Events commemorating a non-military occasion or unrelated historical event. A private or exclusive event that is not open to the public or does not involve community engagement and raises awareness of veterans' contributions and sacrifices.
Education and awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School or community education programs that raise awareness about the service and sacrifice of Australian and/or Queensland veterans, where a similar program does not exist. Digital education projects, e.g., websites, virtual tours, or e-learning modules about veterans' contributions. Development of digital storytelling initiatives, such as documentaries, podcasts, or short films. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects/programs that do not directly educate members of groups in the broader community about the service and sacrifice of Australian and/or Queensland veterans. Personal stories or accounts focused solely on individual veterans. Projects which are exclusively for research and will not be made available to the public in some form. School trips/excursions.
Community engagement and wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshops or seminars about veterans' wellbeing and inclusion. Development of printed booklets of local history of veterans' contributions. Community events, such as youth engagement activities that focus on veterans' history and values, promoting recognition and strengthening social connections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events that involve or promote smoking or gambling. Events that promote alcohol Events or projects that duplicate existing services or programs without adding significant value. Recreational or entertainment-focused activities Sporting events/activities (including events/activities that are primarily centred on physical competition, athletic performance, recreational sports, fitness, or combative activities, as well as any event/activity where the main purpose is to promote or engage in sports, rather than to honour or commemorate veterans and their service) Events that promote political or religious agendas.

The Applicant must ensure that the project meets relevant legislative requirements and other Australian standards, and appropriately qualified professional service providers are engaged to undertake the works or deliver the events or activities where relevant.

In addition, funding will not be approved for expenditure items that have been funded by other external funding sources, or items that have been ordered or purchased before the date of the Letter of Agreement for the project

Expenditure eligibility

Eligible items

Total project costs are likely to include a mix of eligible and ineligible items. Ineligible items are not funded by the grants program and will need to be met by the Applicant.

Examples of eligible items include:

- digital content development and execution of commemorative materials, e.g. documentary, podcast, website, where similar materials are not already available
- entertainment for a commemorative event or activity, e.g. band or bugler
- wreaths — maximum cost of \$250
- immersive and commemorative experiences
- freight costs directly related to the event or activity
- marketing and advertising costs for commemorative events and activities, e.g. advertising, promotional collateral, marketing activities, public relations, graphic design, associated printing costs (external suppliers only with a valid ABN)
- production costs for commemorative projects, e.g. screen writers, cinematographers, editors, sound recordists and website creators with a valid ABN
- professionals engaged to deliver the project, e.g. historians or other external suppliers with a valid ABN
- public awareness or cultural activities with a commemorative focus
- research with a commemorative focus, e.g. external researcher, writer or editor costs, purchase of photographs
- venue and equipment hire (external suppliers with a valid ABN only) including rigging, generator hire, fencing, toilets, traffic management, marquees, chairs, table, staging, audio-visual equipment, waste management and wet weather contingency equipment
- any other costs deemed eligible by DPC.

Ineligible items

Examples of ineligible items include:

- expenses incurred before **the date of the Letter of Agreement for the project**
- accommodation and travel expenses (including associated vehicle hire)
- any items produced for the purpose of generating revenue through sales
- auspice fees
- catering and refreshments, including alcohol
- commercial projects or projects for profit
- costs associated with the purchase, promotion, or provision of alcohol, tobacco, or gambling-related activities
- contingency costs, e.g. money budgeted or set aside for costs not yet incurred
- donations, sponsorships or grants to third parties, including donations honorariums, or one-off payments to volunteers
- entertainment not of a commemorative nature
- expenditure relating to the purchase or upgrade of assets for ongoing use by the Applicant, e.g. audio-visual equipment, computers, televisions, printers, cameras, mobile phones
- flags (these can be obtained free of charge through the Applicant's state Member of Parliament)
- general ongoing administration costs of the organisation such as utility, phone bills, taxi fares, printer cartridges, stationery, rates or rent
- goods, services and fees provided by related parties, such as companies with shareholdings or directors, board members, employees or their immediate family members
- hire of a venue or equipment owned by the Applicant
- local authority approval costs
- ongoing (recurrent) expenditure items
- private events for members or invitation only events
- project management fees
- promotional merchandise such as bags, drink bottles, stubbie coolers, or keyrings
- projects commemorating individuals
- purchasing equipment (e.g., sports gear, uniforms, whitegoods, or vehicles)
- shirts, hats, or other apparel featuring logos, slogans, or branding
- sponsorship of events
- staff salaries and wages, remuneration of executive officers, overtime, meal allowances, honorariums, superannuation, fringe benefits tax, internal training, scholarships, or similar expenses
- trophies, prizes, awards, or similar items intended for recognition, competition or reward purposes.

Applications

Applications must be submitted online through the SmartyGrants online portal accessible at <https://premiersqld.smartygrants.com.au/>

- Community grants - [honouringourveteranscommunity2026](#)

Applications will not be accepted in person, by email, post, or fax. Late submissions will not be considered.

The Application form must be completed by a person authorised to submit the Application on behalf of the Applicant organisation (e.g. grants officer, president, chief executive officer).

The Applicant will receive an email notification from the SmartyGrants online portal confirming submission of the application. If the Applicant does not receive this notification, please contact Veterans Queensland on (07) 3003 9656 to confirm that the Application form has been submitted correctly.

For guidance on using the SmartyGrants online portal please consult the [Help Guide for Applicants](#), available at Help Guide for Applicants (smartygrants.com.au)

Answers to frequently asked questions about the **Honouring Our Veterans Grants Program** are available online at www.qld.gov.au/honouringourveterans.

Application process

Funding under the **Honouring our Veterans Grants Program** is awarded through a competitive application assessment process.

Step 1: Check eligibility

Check that the Applicant and project are eligible for funding by reviewing these Guidelines and the frequently asked questions or emailing honouringourveterans@premiers.qld.gov.au.

Step 2: Prepare supporting documents

Prepare the following documents and submit them with the Application (where relevant):

- detailed budget and written quotes for project costs from appropriately qualified people. Please supply the preferred quote(s) only (not competitive quotes for the same service)
- letters of support from other organisations, agencies or partners involved in the project (on letterhead and signed)
- details of any consultation undertaken to support the Application

- project plans including start and end dates, timelines for key milestones, responsibilities and implementation stages
- the Applicant's most recent signed annual financial statement. We need this to make sure your organisation is viable and financially responsible.
- other key documents that are relevant to the project.

Step 3: Apply online

If it is your first time using the SmartyGrants online portal, you will need to create an account.

If you have previously used the SmartyGrants portal, log in using your organisation's details.

Applications can be saved and completed later. It is recommended that you start your Application early to ensure you have all the required documentation.

Once submitted, you will receive an auto-generated email with an Application identification number you can use as a reference. Please quote this number in all correspondence relating to your Application.

The head of the Applicant organisation, e.g., chief executive officer or president, is responsible for ensuring that the Application is complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information may exclude the Applicant from funding consideration.

Incomplete Applications will not be accepted. Applications and all required supporting documentation must be submitted online by the closing date.

Assessment criteria

Applicants should prepare a thorough, detailed Application and include all required information to assist the assessors, and the approver in their decision making.

Applicants are encouraged to carefully consider the following assessment criteria and the weighting applied to each assessment criterion.

Assessment Criteria	Description	Weighting Percentage
Project need and awareness	Explain why the project is needed and how it will address or raise community awareness.	20%
	Include evidence that the project responds to an identified need or gap, or will deliver support to veterans, or provide school and/or community education or increase awareness of the service and sacrifice of veterans.	
Outcomes and benefits	Describe the benefits and outcomes the project will deliver for the veterans' community.	25%
	Include how the project will leave a legacy for future generations, increase the knowledge of the local service history of the community, or provide a social or cultural benefit to Queensland's veteran community.	
Alignment with program objectives	Show how the project meets program objectives.	25%
	Include evidence of how the project responds to the Community grant's objective to assist eligible organisations to deliver projects that commemorate their contributions, educate the public, and bring people together through meaningful participation.	
Project delivery plan	How will the project be delivered?	10%
	Provide details of project planning and deliverables, timeframes, financial viability, value for money and details of all contributions to the project. All relevant supporting documentation must be supplied.	
Capability and capacity to deliver	Does the Applicant have the capability and capacity to deliver the project?	5%
	Demonstrate the Applicant's ability to successfully deliver the project.	
Community support and stakeholder involvement	Who is involved and what support exists?	10%
	Highlight the level of support from key community stakeholders, community support, and financial contributions (e.g. letters of support from local council, school, or an ex-service organisation). Identify how the project or activity will be promoted to the community.	

Applying for a grant and meeting the assessment criteria does not guarantee funding.

Assessment process

Eligible Applications will be assessed by an independent assessment panel against the Community Grant's objective and assessment criteria listed above. Applicants may be contacted for further information.

Due diligence checking will be undertaken about the Applicant, and outcomes from this process will inform the assessment process.

The number and value of grants awarded in any round is at the discretion of DPC.

After the assessment

Notification of outcome

All Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their Application in writing.

If Applicants require further information, please email honouringourveterans@premiers.qld.gov.au.

Complaints about the outcome of an Application can be made in accordance with DPC's complaints management policy, which is available at www.premiers.qld.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/compliments-and-complaints.

Funding Agreement

Successful Applicants will be sent a legally binding Letter of Agreement. The Letter of Agreement is the legal and binding agreement between the Queensland Government and the successful Applicant and contains project deliverables, milestone dates, payment terms and other conditions of the grant.

A binding funding agreement is only established once the Applicant's authorised officer or delegate, and, where relevant, the authorized officer or delegate of the Auspice Organisation, signs and returns the Letter of Agreement.

In managing the funding provided, the successful Applicant must comply with the requirements of the Letter of Agreement. Additionally, successful Applicants must comply with any relevant laws and regulations in the delivery of the project, including, but not limited to, accessibility, public health directions, workplace health and safety, and working with children (if relevant to the project).

Funding will be provided for successful Applicants once they have signed the Letter of Agreement and satisfy each of the milestones detailed in the Letter of Agreement

Grant funding will be released as follows:

- **Milestone 1** - 70 per cent upon provision of a fully executed Letter of Agreement, signed by both the Applicant and representative of DPC

- **Milestone 2** - 20 per cent upon completion of the progress report and milestone(s) being achieved
- **Milestone 3** - 10 per cent upon completion of the final report and milestone(s) being achieved.

Extensions of time to the approved project completion date will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Applicants are required to formally request an extension of time, via SmartyGrants, detailing the unforeseen circumstances impacting on project completion, the actions taken to minimise the impact and the adjusted project plan and milestones.

All funded projects will be monitored and evaluated by DPC to ensure they are achieving the program objective.

Successful Applicants will be required to provide project status reports as part of their key milestones and deliver the project at the times and in the manner specified in the Letter of Agreement.

Delays in submitting required reports may result in delayed payments to the Applicant.

Media

Applicants must seek and obtain DPC's approval before contacting or responding to the media in relation to the **Honouring our Veterans Grants Program**. Please contact Veterans Queensland by email at honouringourveterans@premiers.qld.gov.au or telephone on (07) 3003 9656.

Goods and services tax (GST)

Applicants do not need to be registered for GST to receive a grant under the Community Grants program, unless they are required to be registered for GST by the Australian Taxation Office.

All Applicants are required to enter GST exclusive amounts in the grant application.

If the Applicant **is registered** for GST, the funding will be provided GST exclusive. GST registered Applicants can claim an input tax credit through the Australian Tax Office for the GST component.

If the Applicant **is not registered** for GST, the funding will be provided GST inclusive.

Applicants are required to notify Veterans Queensland of any changes to their GST registration status.

The Applicant is advised to seek independent professional advice on taxation obligations or seek assistance from the ATO on 13 28 69 or via its website at www.ato.gov.au. DPC is unable to provide advice on the Applicant's particular taxation circumstances.

Privacy

Your personal information will be handled in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (Qld) (IP Act) and the Queensland Privacy Principles (QPPs).

The information collected is necessary to assess your Application. If you choose not to provide the required information your Application will not be able to be assessed.

To assess and respond to your grant Application, it may also be necessary for DPC to disclose information to third parties and/or collect information from third parties including (but not limited to):

- relevant Queensland Ministerial Offices
- relevant Queensland Government department(s) and Statutory Bodies
- relevant Federal Government department(s).

This includes publishing grant information on the DPC website and disclosing information to the Australian Taxation Office for compliance purposes.

The privacy policy for DPC provides additional information on how DPC manages the information we collect.

If you have questions regarding how your personal information will be handled, please contact:

Email: privacy.contact@premiers.qld.gov.au

Phone: 07 3003 9230

Mail: PO Box 15185, CITY EAST QLD 4002

Contact us

For more information about the Honouring Our Veterans Community Grants Program grants, including Guidelines, Terms and Conditions, and Application instructions, please contact Veterans Queensland by email at honouringourveterans@premiers.qld.gov.au or telephone on (07) 3003 9656.

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