

Media Release

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GRANTS TO PRESERVE THE LEGACY OF VICTORIAN VETERANS

The Allan Labor Government is backing veterans and their families with new grants that honour their service and support their wellbeing.

Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman today opened applications for two grant programs that honour veterans, support their welfare and strengthen community recognition of their contribution.

The Anzac Day Proceeds Fund offers grants of up to \$150,000 to organisations delivering welfare support to veterans across the state, and grants of up to \$50,000 to organisations delivering initiatives for veterans in a specific region or area.

This year's funding priorities include initiatives that support female, First Nations and LGBTIQ+ veterans, veterans living with disability and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Other priorities include support for veterans who served in post-1990 Australian Defence Force operations, and collaborative projects delivered by multiple ex-service organisations.

Previous recipients include Soldier On, which delivered the 'Empower-Her' program to more than 1,500 female veterans and their families by offering women-only retreats, family events and parenting support.

Applications are also open for the Victoria Remembers Grant Program, offering grants of up to \$30,000 for projects that commemorate veterans and deepen public understanding of their service, including new memorials, significant anniversary events and public education campaigns.

Last year, the Vietnam Veterans Association Bendigo Branch partnered with Hebron Films to document and preserve the stories of Central Victoria's Vietnam veterans, marking 50 years since the end of the Vietnam War.

Applications for both grant programs close on 15 September 2025. For more information about both grant programs or to apply, visit vic.gov.au/anzac-day-proceeds-fund or vic.gov.au/victoria-remembers-grant-program.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman

"These grant programs make a real difference in the lives of veterans, supporting their wellbeing and backing the organisations that serve them."

"They also help ensure the stories of Victoria's veterans are never forgotten – strengthening community understanding and inspiring future generations."

Quote attributable to Victorian Veterans Council Chair Greg Yorke, AM, CSC

"The grants recognise and support those who have served, while strengthening the connection between veterans and the broader community."