



## **The Hon Darren Chester MP**

Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel

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### **FUNDING FOR ORGANISATIONS TO SUPPORT OUR VETERAN COMMUNITY**

VETERANS and their families across Australia will be better supported thanks to more than \$875,000 in community grants aimed at improving veteran health and wellbeing.

Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel Darren Chester said 68 projects will receive funding under the Veteran and Community Grants (V&CG) and Men's Health Peer Education (MHPE) programs.

"These grants will support veterans and their families by providing funding for activities and services that promote healthy and good quality lifestyles," Mr Chester said.

"Due to the overwhelming number of applications under the V&CG program, we have provided additional funding through the MHPE program for this round, with successful projects supporting the veteran community by encouraging involvement in community activities and physical activity, which in turn enhances mental wellbeing."

The V&CG program supports organisations by providing funding for projects that sustain or enhance the health and wellbeing of the veteran community. The MHPE program has a range of similar outcomes and therefore additional funds could be sourced.

"The Federal Government is committed to putting veterans and their families first and through this round of funding we are able to recognise a range of local activities and services that will support the veteran community in living a healthier lifestyle," Mr Chester said.

"Congratulations to the community and ex-service organisations that will receive funding to deliver activities and services to support the veteran community."

To find out more information visit the [Veteran and Community Grants program](#) page on the Department of Veterans' Affairs website or visit the [Community Grants Hub](#).

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