



Year of the Veteran – Community Grants Fund

What is the purpose of the ‘Year of the Veteran’ Community Grants Fund?

The New Zealand Government has designated 2006 as the ‘Year of the Veteran’, a year in which New Zealand communities will have the opportunity to commemorate and honour the sacrifice and service of New Zealand’s servicemen and women.

The ‘Year of the Veteran’ Community Grants Fund has been set up to assist local communities to provide ways of recognising the ex servicemen and women in their community, through community-based projects.

Who can apply?

- Local Authorities
- Community Organisations
- Ex-service organisations
- Cadet Units
- Other Organisations such as Schools and Local Museums

Individuals are not eligible for funding.

What kinds of projects are eligible?

The fund is seeking to support projects that promote community participation in the recognition and commemoration of the sacrifice and service of New Zealand’s servicemen and women.

Some examples of projects are:

- Projects and events that honour the service given by servicemen and women
- Projects and events that recognise those who kept New Zealand running through the war years
- Initiatives that involve young people and provide a platform for developing an understanding of the service given by New Zealand’s servicemen and women
- Restoration, preservation and upgrading of community war memorials.
- Restoration of honour rolls that are on public display
- Building a war memorial in a local community

How much is available for each project?

Grants are not intended to pay the total cost of each project. It is expected that organisations and communities will contribute financially to the project and by providing support in-kind.

The maximum available for each project is \$5,000. The Minister of Veterans’ Affairs does, however, have the discretion to increase the amount of the grant made available.



The 'Year of the Veteran' Community Grants Fund will not provide grants for:

- Travel and accommodation
- Salaries or other personnel or overhead costs
- Ongoing expenditure or recurring activities
- Ongoing maintenance of memorials and their surrounds
- Memorials located overseas
- Activities or programmes taking place outside New Zealand
- Purchase and hire of vehicles and equipment
- Construction and repair of buildings
- Retrospective funding of projects that have occurred in years other than in the 'Year of the Veteran'.

How do organisations apply for a Year of the Veteran' Community Grants Fund Grant?

To make application you need to complete a 'Year of the Veteran' Community Grants Fund application form. This form is available from Veterans' Affairs New Zealand. You can contact Veterans' Affairs New Zealand on free phone 0800 483 8372, via email at veterans@xtra.co.nz, or by writing to:

Veterans' Affairs New Zealand
PO Box 5146
Wellington

The form is also available on the Veterans' Affairs New Zealand website, www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz.

Closing Dates for Applications

Grant applications will be considered in:

- February – applications close on 10 February 2006
- April – applications close on 7 April 2006
- July – applications close on 7 July 2006
- October – applications close on 6 October 2006

How are applications assessed?

All applications will be considered. The Minister of Veterans' Affairs will make a decision on each application based on the advice he is given by a Ministerial Steering Committee that includes representatives of various government agencies, local government and the RNZRSA

Applicants will be informed in writing of the Minister's decision.



What happens when a grant is approved?

The successful applicant will be required to sign a form accepting the grant and associated conditions. These conditions include the requirement to provide Veterans' Affairs New Zealand with a report into the project.

The signed acceptance forms must be received by Veterans' Affairs New Zealand before the grant can be paid.

Veterans' Affairs New Zealand may audit grant recipients and require any grant funding that is not accounted for to be paid back.

Where do I send my application?

Completed applications should be sent to:

'Year of the Veteran'
Veterans' Affairs New Zealand
P O Box 5146
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