

Anzac Community Grants Program

NSW ESO Forum 2022

About the ACGP

- The ACGP provides small grants for a range of projects that commemorate and educate New South Wales communities about the service and sacrifices of current and former military servicemen and servicewomen.
- Projects which support activities benefiting the NSW veteran community are also eligible for funding.
- It is an annual grants program:
 - Opens in September
 - Closes on 11 November



New display cabinet NSW Lancers Memorial Museum (2020 grant recipient)

Available funding

- A total of \$100,0000 in funding is available
- Up to \$3,000 is awarded per grant
- Funding is only provided for projects that are yet to take place, and not for costs already incurred.
- Applicants who have received funding for three consecutive years will be ineligible for funding in the subsequent fourth year.



Anzac Day service North Sydney RSL sub-Branch (2020 grant recipient)

Grant Categories

Local community historical research and education

Projects that help inform and educate the wider community about the service and sacrifice of local veterans and their families, including research towards online or print publications.

Preservation or display of war memorabilia

Preservation and/or research materials, or display of war memorabilia, artefacts and/or research materials relevant to the local community.

Public commemorative events, arts and culture

Events that honour or mark military anniversaries and pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of NSW veterans.

Provide support to members of the NSW veteran community Activities such as excursions, milestone reunions, and training and development to assist health and wellbeing.

Eligibility criteria

- A full list of eligible criteria is available on the OVA website.
- The list is extensive, however there are financial limits placed on certain elements. For example:
 - Wreaths (maximum of two wreaths, limited to \$100 cost each)
 - Catering (limited to \$300)
- Please note there are various items that are ineligible, and funding is generally available from other sources. For example:
 - Flag poles and flags; local MPs and the Commonwealth Government including DVA provide this support.
 - Additions to an existing memorial, or construction of a new memorial; the Commonwealth Government can assist.
 - Conservation of war memorials; the NSW Community War Memorials Fund can provide support for this.

What enhances your application

- A clear breakdown of costs and expenditure
- Letters of support from appropriate members of the community eg representatives of the local RSL sub-Branch or council
- Other funding sources and contributions from local community eg local MPs



Living Commemorative Garden Vincentia High School (2020 grant recipient)

Timing & Assessment

- Assessment takes place in November and December
- Panel of OVA staff and an independent community member
- Successful recipients are informed in late January / early February
- Public announcement of the recipients takes place in early February via the Minister for Veterans office and sometimes via local MPs

Acquittal requirements

- Acquittal form to be filled out and submitted
- Summary of work completed
- Evidence of the completed work:
 - Photographs of completed work
- Invoices for funding expenditure
- Confirmation that work was completed as per the terms and conditions of the grant.

Questions