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### **Supporting Younger Veterans**

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan said grant funding of almost \$1 million announced today would go to local projects that improved the transition process and employment prospects for younger veterans.

Mr Tehan said the second round of funding under the *Supporting Younger Veterans* grants would deliver innovative and sustainable services for younger veterans.

“The Government has provided funding to 12 ex-service organisations around the country to deliver unique programs targeting the needs of younger veterans,” Mr Tehan said.

“The projects are focussed on support services for younger veterans and improving post-service employment opportunities.

“In Sydney, ten young veterans will be trained as Disaster Response Instructors; in Morwell, veterans will restore old ‘muscle cars’ while receiving on-the-job training and mentoring; and in Sturt, money will be used to purchase furniture and appliances for short-term accommodation for veterans.

“Leaving the Australian Defence Force (ADF) is a critical period for personnel and the Government is focussed on making the transition as smooth as possible.”

A list of the grants is attached. All funding listed is GST exclusive.

Applications for the next round of *Supporting Younger Veterans* grants will be available online through the Australian Government's Community Grants Hub from 1 July 2018. Visit [www.communitygrants.gov.au](http://www.communitygrants.gov.au) to subscribe for alerts about veteran and other community grants.

For more information about the *Supporting Younger Veterans* program, contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs on 133 254 or email [DVA.Processing.Team@dva.gov.au](mailto:DVA.Processing.Team@dva.gov.au)

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**Supporting Younger Veterans Program**  
**2017-18 Funding Round 2**

| <b>State</b>                              | <b>Recipient</b>   | <b>Location</b> | <b>Electorate</b> | <b>Funding description</b>   | <b>Amount \$</b>    |
|---|--|-----------------|-------------------|--|---------------------|
| NSW                                       | Team Rubicon Australia Limited   | Sydney          | Sydney            | To train ten young veterans as Disaster Response Instructors, over a period of six months.   | \$330,562.00        |
| <b>Total Grants – New South Wales - 1</b> |  |                 |                   | <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$330,562.00</b> |
| QLD                                       | Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch)  | Townsville      | Herbert           | To develop and conduct a pilot employment program for the younger veteran community living in Townsville.  | \$123,000.00        |
| QLD                                       | Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Currumbin Palm Beach Sub-Branch Incorporated | Currumbin       | McPherson         | To fund a program of 'Reboot Combat Recovery' courses to assist younger veterans recover from the psychological impacts of combat                              | \$29,500.00         |
| QLD                                       | Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Currumbin Palm Beach Sub-Branch Incorporated | Currumbin       | McPherson         | To expand the <i>Connecting Young Veterans</i> program which provides social, economic and welfare opportunities for younger veterans on the Gold Coast.       | \$40,000.00         |
| QLD                                       | Soldier On Association Incorporated  | Manly           | Bonner            | To conduct a proof-of-concept program to evaluate the cost and clinical effectiveness of telerehabilitation for younger veterans with chronic lower back pain. | \$45,454.55         |
| QLD                                       | Veterans Care Association Incorporated   | Kelvin Grove    | Brisbane          | To employ a specialised peer support life coach to provide personal coaching and support to young veterans.  | \$70,693.00         |
| <b>Total Grants – Queensland - 5</b>      |  |                 |                   | <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$308,647.55</b> |

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|---|--|-----------|------------|--|---------------------|
| SA  | RSL Care South Australia Incorporated              | Sturt     | Boothby    | To purchase furniture and home appliances for a block of units to be used as short-term accommodation for young veterans.  | \$23,832.73         |
| <b>Total Grants - South Australia - 1</b> |  |           |            | <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$23,832.73</b>  |
| VIC                                       | Carry On (Victoria)                                | Morwell   | Gippsland  | To develop a Drop-in-Centre in Morwell.  | \$16,518.18         |
| VIC                                       | Dandenong - Cranbourne RSL Sub-Branch Incorporated | Lang Lang | Flinders   | To provide young disengaged veterans with on-the-job training, mentoring and support via a program to restore old 'muscle cars' in a community centre environment. | \$20,000.00         |
| VIC                                       | Melbourne Legacy                                   | Melbourne | Melbourne  | To engage a Project Officer and a demographic research firm to map the location, employment and access to services by the younger veteran cohort in Victoria.      | \$120,000.00        |
| VIC                                       | The Sale RSL & Community Sub-Branch Incorporated   | Sale      | Gippsland  | To establish a Young Veterans Support Centre in Sale and undertake a program of physical activities for younger veterans and their families.                       | \$38,500.00         |
| <b>Total Grants – Victoria - 4</b>        |  |           |            | <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$195,018.18</b> |

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|---|--|-----------------|-------------------|---|---------------------------|
| WA  | Holyoake Australian Institute for Alcohol and Drug Addiction Resolution Incorporated | Victoria Park   | Swan              | To develop a customised DRUMBEAT program for the younger veteran community. | \$114,500.00              |
| <b>Total Grants – Western Australia – 1</b> |  |                 |                   |   | <b>Total \$114,500.00</b> |

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| <b>Other States and Territories : NIL</b> |                     |
| <b>National Total: 12</b>                 | <b>\$972,560.46</b> |