

# GRANTS-IN-AID AND BEST GRANTS

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Good afternoon ESORT Members

Please see below information on Grants in Aid and BEST Grants for your awareness.

### Grants in Aid – Current Status

The Community Grants Hub is expected to distribute GIA grant Agreements to the successful applicants in early October. Grant funds will be released within a week of the signed grant agreement being returned to the Community Grants Hub.

### BEST – Current Status

The BEST grants are currently under assessment. It is anticipated that applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in October, with the Community Grants Hub distributing grant agreements in November. Grant funds will be released within a week of the signed grant agreement being returned to the Community Grants Hub.

The administration of DVA's grant rounds, including BEST grants, transitioned to the Australian Government's shared services arrangement with the Community Grants Hub in 2017. Regrettably, in some grant rounds the expected timeframes have not been met and I understand the pressures this puts on those working to help the veteran community.

However, the processes are constantly reviewed and every opportunity is taken to continually improve DVA's grants process to ensure the provision of consistent, high quality, efficient service to grant applicants.

Thank you

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