



ANZAC DAY TRUST

Established under the
Anzac Day Act 1960

Anzac Day Trust Grant 2026

GRANT GUIDELINES

Applications close 4:00 pm on Tuesday, 30 June 2026

WHAT IS THE ANZAC DAY TRUST?

The Anzac Day Trust (**ADT**) is a body corporate established under the *Anzac Day Act 1960* (WA) and administered by Defence West within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (**the Department**). The ADT Grant provides funding for projects, programs and initiatives that deliver benefit and meaningful outcomes for veterans and families of veterans in Western Australia (**the WA veterans community**). Programs funded under the ADT are intended to complement, not duplicate, Commonwealth and mainstream services.

Each year the ADT accumulates funds through payments, donations and bequests, as provided for under legislation. In 2026, the WA Government has provided \$1.3 million in funding to the ADT for disbursement towards organisations that support the WA veterans community.

What are the objectives of the ADT?

The objectives of the ADT are:

- Enable improvements, innovation and implementation of practical supports available for the WA veterans community through evidence based, emerging or novel initiatives.
- Direct interim funding towards the gaps in service delivery for the WA veterans community, within priority settings.
- Provisionally strengthen the ability of ex-service organisations ESOs and related organisations to respond to the needs of the WA veterans community.
- Support commemorations of significance to the WA veterans community and enable connection to the broader community.

WHAT IS AN ADT GRANT?

The ADT Grant is a competitive grant that offers successful applicants grant funding for use on the delivery of approved projects, activities or initiatives that directly benefit the WA veterans community. Grants may be approved as single-year or multi-year grants, up to three years in length, where a staged delivery model or longer-term impact justifies that approach. There is no funding limit on an ADT Grant; however, requests for larger funding amounts are expected to hold a greater justification or evidence basis as proportionate to the proposed benefits, to be delivered to the WA veterans community.

An ADT Grant must directly support the WA veterans community and cannot be used to offset costs for national programs. An ADT Grant is not a funding stream for ESOs, veteran service providers (VSPs) or other community groups, nor is it intended to provide ongoing funding for projects and organisations, beyond the approved single or multi-year grant.

Only one application per organisation, per grant round is permitted, and the organisation will receive an Approval Letter from the Minister for Veterans for only one successful application. Any approval of a grant is subject to the applicant complying with these Guidelines and any specific Terms and Conditions contained or referred to in the Approval Letter.

All projects supported in this 2026 grant round must be commenced prior to 1 March 2027.

Why apply for an ADT Grant?

An organisation can apply for an ADT Grant if they have identified an opportunity to sole-source or co-fund the delivery of a project, activity or initiative within one of the following priority settings:

- Employment, education and financial navigation and transition. For example, establishing outreach hubs to help veterans access navigation and support services.
- Family wellbeing, peer support and social connection. For example, funding participation for families of veterans in community programs or support services.
- Regional and isolated cohort access and outreach. For example, fund resources and travel in the regions to undertake information sessions for veterans or families of veterans.
- Commemoration and community connection to military heritage. For example, funding a commemorative service of significance or establishing a recurring commemoration activity.

Specific costs to deliver the project, activity or initiative may include:

- Limited commercial engagement of contractor or facilitator time
- Project administration, coordination, management and evaluation
- Offsetting participation costs
- Event management and venue hire
- Establishment or upgrade of digital solutions
- Promotional materials and communications resources
- Material or Memorial furnishing
- Vacation and respite packaging
- Travel specifically required to meet outreach and engagement within regional areas
- Educational and occupational resources
- Training and capability building
- Evaluation and reporting resources to support acquittal
- Reasonable and direct insurance, certification and compliance resources
- Staged expenditure under multi-year grants.

An organisation will not be supported with an ADT Grant when the project, activity and initiative has already been completed, or when the grant would fund a project, activity or initiative that has already been funded through a previous, non-ongoing grant. An application will not be awarded if it appears to duplicate government or mainstream services.

What costs cannot be funded by an ADT Grant?

An ADT Grant cannot be used to cover the following costs:

- Any expenses incurred prior to notification of being awarded the ADT Grant.
- Recurring base operational costs of the organisation that are not directly attributable to the approved project.
- Activities that duplicate Commonwealth entitlements, claims processing or services ordinarily funded through another government program.
- Any capital works or purchase of land or infrastructure.
- Portable equipment, vehicles, prizes, gifts, fundraising costs, debt reduction or retrospective deficits.
- Projects that are primarily commercial, political, religious or private in nature.
- Generic one-off events without a clear support pathway, target cohort or measurable benefit.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR AN ADT GRANT?

Applicants must be a WA-based organisation and must directly manage or deliver the project, activity or initiative. Consortiums led by one of these types or organisations can apply. All other entities must be expressly approved in writing to be eligible to apply.

What is an Ex-Service Organisation?

An **ESO** is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that works to support current and/or former Australian Defence Force (**ADF**) members and their families and veterans from armed forces of a Commonwealth country living in WA. They exist for the sole purpose of supporting the WA veterans community through recognition, commemoration, connection and socialising activities. Many also provide advocacy, health and well-being support services to the WA veterans community. An ESO is broadly recognised within both the WA veterans community and the local community in which they exist, operate and serve.

Any group that is primarily a commercial entity, a political organisation, or an educational institution is not considered an ESO.

What is a Veterans Service Provider

A veterans service provider (**VSP**) is an entity which directly provides specialist or support services to veterans and families of veterans. They are often contracted providers, private health providers or research partners who contribute directly to veteran care and support. A VSP is recognised within the WA veterans community and may be a Department of Veterans' Affairs (**DVA**) approved provider.

Any group that is primarily a government or political organisation is not a VSP.

What is a Not-For-Profit

A not-for-profit (NFP) is an organisation that exists to achieve a social, community, charitable, or public purpose rather than to make profits for owners or shareholders.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for consideration of an ADT Grant, applications must meet the criteria below:

- The applicant must:
 - Be or become legally constituted and able to enter into a grant agreement.
 - Be located in WA or operating in WA.
 - Be an ESO, VSP, NFP or explicitly approved organisation.
 - Hold or obtain any approvals, licences or insurances required for the project, activity or initiative.
 - Applicants must be able to produce authorising documentation (e.g. MOU, letter of support) wherein projects require significant involvement, approval, resourcing or support from another entity.
- The project, activity or initiative must:
 - Directly benefit the WA veterans community
 - Address a describable need or gap for the WA veterans community in one or more of the priority settings described above
 - Be premised on available or emerging information or evidence that supports the need
 - Be based on practical and proportionate methods to measuring success
- The application must:
 - Demonstrate why the applicant is best placed to deliver the project, activity or initiative
 - Directly address one or more the grant objectives
 - Be complete, accurate and lodged by the closing date
 - Identify any co funding or in-kind support
 - Demonstrate collaboration or de-confliction where similar services already exist
 - Provide clear key performance indicators (**KPIs**) for how the project will achieve the expressed benefits and outcomes of the project, activity or initiative.
 - Provide a clear timeline or schedule for the completion of those KPIs and how funds provided under the grant are expended.
- The requested funding must:
 - Be used solely for costs that can be funded under an ADT Grant and on the activities approved under this ADT Grant.
 - Represent value and a reasonable use of public money.
 - Be completely acquitted at the earlier date of either the conclusion of the project or within 12 months the funding being provided.

GRANT ASSESSMENTS

Selection criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following core criteria to determine the extent to which they align with the intent of the ADT Grant and deliver benefit to the WA veterans community. Assessment will consider the quality of the proposal, the need it addresses, the applicant's ability to deliver, and the overall value and impact of the activity. In particular, applicants will be assessed against the following criteria

The selection criteria for an ADT Grant application reflect the intent of the ADT and represent a balanced approach to the use of available funds. The selection criteria and their associated weightings are listed below:

1. Suitability.
2. Merit and Impact.
3. Project Benefits and Outcomes.
4. Capability and Capacity.
5. Alignment with Grant Objectives.
6. Value for money and Financial Evaluation.

Grant assessment process

This grant will be assessed by the Anzac Day Trust. The assessment process will be as follows:

1. **The application period.** Once the ADT Grant opens, applicants are invited to apply for an ADT Grant and may contact Defence West for any questions about how to correctly apply, if required.
2. **Preparation of the application pack.** Once the ADT Grant closes, Defence West will conduct the eligibility check and compile an application pack for the ADT Board of Trustees, to enable their assessment of the Grant.
3. **Conduct of the assessment period.** The ADT Board of Trustees will undertake the assessment of the applications, by shortlisting and then interviewing select applicants. They will also consider the total funding available and determine the best use of funds.
4. **Approval of ADT Grant recipients.** The ADT Board of Trustees will submit their recommendations for funding to the Minister for Veterans, who is the approving authority for the ADT Grants. All applicants are notified of the outcomes.

Appropriate arrangements are in place to identify, disclose and manage any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest for members of the Anzac Day Trust Board of Trustees and any advisors involved in the assessment process, in a manner consistent with principles of probity, transparency and good public sector governance.

PROJECT MONITORING AND REPORTING

Following the execution of funds under an ADT Grant, the recipient will commence the project, activity or initiative. All will be subject to monitoring and reporting requirements, including those set out in the Conditions and Approval Letter.

Monitoring and reporting

Defence West will monitor the execution of each funded project in accordance with the relevant application documentation. This may involve occasional contact from Defence West representatives to facilitate an understanding of the project's status. Site visits may be requested and will likely be undertaken at the conclusion of each project, if not beforehand or during. Recipients of an ADT Grant are required to provide periodic and final reporting on the status of the project. Periodic reporting should be completed for major milestones to demonstrate outcomes. Final reporting will be required at the conclusion of the project, activity or initiative, but no later than 31 March in the following year. Sufficient narrative will be required to support demonstration of the benefit that the ADT Grant has provided.

Acquittal

All successful grants will be required to be financially acquitted at the conclusion of the project, activity or initiative or by 31 March in the following year. Any funds unused or used for anything other than the approved purpose, will be required to be returned to the ADT. Multi-year grant recipients will be required to partially acquit their current grant as part of their re-application for funding in the next year's grant.

HOW TO APPLY

The ADT Grant for 2026 will open on 25 April. Applicants will be able to contact Defence West to discuss the ADT, seek clarification on these guidelines, or inquire about the application process. Applicants may request feedback on Grant assessment outcomes in writing to Defence West; however, all funding decisions are final not subject to merits review.

Applications will be administered through an online Grant Management System, and applications will be made available via www.wa.gov.au/defencewest, under Veterans Issues. Applicants will be advised that their application has been received after the closing date, though the applicant can confirm this at any time. Completion of additional documentation to support the application or assessment process may be required and this will be advised in writing by the Veterans Office at Defence West.

The ADT Grant for 2026 will close at 4:00pm on Tuesday 30 June 2026. The assessment period will commence from 1 July 2026 and will be announced on 11 November 2026.

Applications which are submitted after the closing date will not be accepted.

Contact details

Relevant parties within Defence West can be contacted using the details below:

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