

Veteran Support Agency Fund 2026/27

APPLICATION FORM



To support the wellbeing of veterans and their families

Veterans' Affairs administers Government funding for non-government organisations to support New Zealand veterans and their families. Some funding is available on a contestable basis to non-government organisations that support the mental and physical wellbeing of veterans impacted by their military service. The funding could be used to deliver a new service or increase the capacity of an existing service.

The total value of the contestable fund is \$150,000 in the 2026/27 financial year.

We invite applications from organisations for initiatives that improve the wellbeing of veterans and/or their whānau.

Applications need to be returned by 30 June 2026.

How applications will be assessed

Proposed initiatives will be assessed against four criteria:

1. Effectiveness

The effectiveness of the proposed initiative – the extent to which it will improve the veteran's or their whānau's wellbeing.

2. Depth and breadth of impact

The veterans and/or their whānau that could be supported or influenced by the proposed initiative. The impact will be assessed on both breadth (does it support a large number of veterans) and depth (does it provide significant and meaningful support to veterans).

3. Responsiveness to need

The extent to which the proposed initiative responds to an identified need or a gap in veteran support. For instance, does it impact hard to reach veterans who find it difficult to access support? Does it respond to an unmet (or inadequately met) need for veterans and their whānau?

4. Recognised effective strategies

The extent to which the proposed initiative involves things that have been demonstrated as effective in the past. This may be strengthening relationships such as whānau connection, cultural identification and military connectedness. The ***Te Arataki Mental Health Framework*** will be used to help assess initiatives against this criterion.

In general, funding will not be available for capital expenditure, organisational support costs or overheads, or business as usual activities.

The initiative must be delivered within this financial year (the end of June 2027). Successful applicants will be required to provide a final report outlining activities delivered, outcomes achieved, degree of reach to veterans and their whānau, and how funds were used.

Veterans' Affairs may agree to provide part or all the total funding requested in the application.

Organisation details

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Organisation name:

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Organisation address:

Street address
or PO Box

Suburb

City

Postcode

Country

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Point of contact for this organisation (if applicable):

Name

Email

Work phone

Mobile phone

Organisation Overview

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Brief description of your organisation:

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Organisation website:

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Experience working with veterans or similar communities:

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Key services currently delivered:

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What is your organisation's legal structure?

- Registered Charity Incorporated Society
 Trust Other

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Title of the initiative:

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Describe the initiative you are seeking the funding for, including relevant activities, target groups, estimated number of veterans' supported, locations of delivery and proposed timeline.

Outcomes and impacts

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Describe what outcomes you expect to achieve and how these align with the assessment criteria (below):

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How will you measure success?

Declaration

By submitting this application, I confirm that:

- I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of the organisation, group, or individual named in this form.
- All information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I have obtained all necessary permissions, including consent from any third parties involved, to submit this application and proceed with the proposed funding request.
- If successful, I agree to comply with all funding conditions, including providing progress updates and a final report as required.
- I acknowledge that the information provided may be used for decision-making purposes and shared with relevant Veterans' Affairs staff or boards as part of the funding process.

By ticking the box, I confirm that I have read and understood the above statements.

Applicant's authorised person's signature

Signature of applicant's authorised person:

First names:

Surname:

Today's Date:

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