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Applications open for Teddy Sheean Memorial Grants

The Tasmanian Government recognises the valuable contribution of Tasmania's service men and women and is committed to supporting the serving and ex-service community in Tasmania.

Applications are currently open for Round One of the 2020-21 Teddy Sheean Memorial Grants Program.

The Program was established as a tribute to the bravery and sacrifice made by Tasmanian sailor Edward 'Teddy' Sheean, who gave his life for his country and his mates during a battle in 1942 off the coast of East Timor.

The Grants Program honours Teddy Sheean as a representative of the many Tasmanians who selflessly gave their lives for others in the defence of this country.

This is the first round of grants since Teddy Sheean was awarded the Victoria Cross he deserved, with the medal recently given to Australia's Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mike Noonan AO who accompanied the medal on its trip to Australia.

While the details are still being finalised, the medal is on track to be formally awarded on December 1, which will be a fantastic occasion for all Tasmanians and especially the more than 10,500 veterans and ex-serving personnel who call Tasmania home.

In light of this, I am also pleased to announce that from the next round, the Program will now be called the Teddy Sheean VC Memorial Grants program, in honour of this extraordinary Tasmanian.

The Program will provide grants of up to \$10,000 for minor capital works, \$5,000 for equipment purchases for RSL clubs, sub-branch and ex-service organisations, and \$2,000 for the purchase of equipment or supplies as required under the organisation's COVID-19 safety plan.

The Program will also provide grants of up to \$5,000 towards the repair and maintenance of war memorials, and construction of new memorials.

A total of \$100,000 in funding is available for 2020-21, to be allocated in two grant rounds.

The Grants Program is administered by Communities, Sport and Recreation (CSR) in the Department of Communities Tasmania (Communities Tasmania).

The Grants Program Guidelines and Application Form is available from Communities Tasmania's website www.communities.tas.gov.au/csr.

For further information, please contact CSR by email at csrgrants@communities.tas.gov.au or by telephone on 1800 204 224.