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## Grants flow to support our RSL sub-branches and veterans

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is the strongest supporter of Tasmania's veterans and ex-serving personnel.

In April the Government announced a support program with up to \$500,000 being made available to eligible RSLs and ex-serving organisations to assist them to find financial stability through these uncertain times with the coronavirus.

Grants of up to \$10,000 were available to eligible RSL sub-branches and ex-serving organisations with grants of up to \$25,000 available to help RSLs and other organisations provide a new service or program to meet identified needs caused by impacts of the coronavirus.

I'm pleased today to announce that these grants are now flowing into the community with the Beaconsfield RSL being one of the first organisations to receive support funds with a grant of \$8250.

Tasmania has more than 10,500 veterans and ex-serving personnel and organisations like the RSL provide invaluable support and advocacy for these veterans and their families.

With many veterans and their families in vulnerable categories, the valuable assistance, support and advocacy provided by Tasmania's RSLs and ex-serving organisations has never been more important.

The Tasmanian Government is committed to helping veterans and ex-serving organisations impacted by trading and fundraising restrictions to maintain viability during the current circumstances.

Applications for the grants closed on May 31, however more information about community grants can be obtained from the Department of Communities, Communities Sport and Recreation division at: [csr@communities.tas.gov.au](mailto:csr@communities.tas.gov.au)