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Round 2 of Teddy Sheean VC Memorial Grants 2021-22 now open

The Tasmanian Liberal Government recognises the valuable contribution of Tasmania's service men and women and is committed to supporting veterans and ex-serving members and their families.

Applications are now open for Round 2 of the 2021-22 Teddy Sheean VC Memorial Grants Program to fund and support Tasmanian veteran and ex-serving organisations.

These organisations can share in a total of \$50,000 to fund small infrastructure repairs and maintenance, and/or equipment purchases throughout Tasmania, as well as for war memorial construction, repair and maintenance.

The Grants Program will provide grants of up to \$10,000 for minor capital works, \$5000 for equipment purchases for RSL clubs, RSL sub-branches, and ex-service clubs and organisations. There are also grants of up to \$5000 towards the repair and maintenance of war memorials and construction of new memorials, which is also open to not-for-profit organisations, local councils and schools.

The Grants Program will also provide grants of up to \$5000 to eligible organisations for welfare initiatives to support the health and well-being of veterans.

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

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

The Grants Program guidelines are available from Communities Tasmania's website www.communities.tas.gov.au/csr and applications close at 3pm on Monday, 7 March 2022.