

Memorandum

To:	All SLSNSW Clubs and Branches
From:	Surf Life Saving New South Wales
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Subject:	Aus Gov Dept of Social Services Volunteer Grants 2019-20 – late applications by successful EOI applicants due to COVID-19

PLEASE NOTE: This information applies ONLY TO ORGANISATIONS WHO WERE SUCCESSFUL AT THE EOI STAGE but were unable to submit a full submission by the closing date due to the impact of COVID-19

The Australian Government Department of Social Services **Volunteer Grants 2019-20** closed on 6 April 2020.

This program offered grants of up to \$5,000 to community organisations for equipment and/or training to support volunteers. The grant was a two stage process: applicants first had to submit an EOI to their Federal Member of Parliament, then applicants successful at the EOI stage were invited to submit a full application.

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on community organisations, the Australian Government has now advised that late applications may be considered where an applicant was successful at the EOI stage but was unable to submit a full submission by the closing date due to the impact of COVID-19.

- Late applications will ONLY be considered where the electorate funding cap has not yet been reached.
- Applicants MUST have started the full application prior to the close date, i.e. if you had not started the full submission in the system, the organisation will not be able to lodge a late application.
- Applicants MUST provide an explanation of exceptional circumstances that prevented the submission of the application by the due date. These circumstances must have been unforeseeable, beyond the applicant's control, and unable to be managed or resolved within the application period.
- The Community Grants Hub will advise the applicant if their late application has progressed.

If your club did not lodge a full submission to the Volunteer Grants and meets the above criteria, the Grant Seeking Unit would be more than happy to assist with drafting and lodging a late application on the club's behalf.

Please note – should you have any questions in relation to this Grant please feel free to contact:

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Kind regards

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