

## Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Pre 9/11 Advisory Committee Meeting

Arizona Department of Veterans' Service  
3839 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ste 209, Phoenix, Arizona 85012  
May 17th, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

### **Committee Members Present**

Nicholas Bielinski  
Cynthia Olortegui Vargas  
Patrick Diomede  
Jessica Morel  
Jack Moore  
Jeremy Farr  
Mark Holmes

### **Committee Members Absent**

Martin Garcia  
Robert Garcia  
Timothy Rogers  
Nicole Baker, AZDVS  
Designee

### **Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Staff**

London Anderson  
Miles Morell  
Kalli Gill

### **CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Nicholas Bielinski called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and called for motion to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on April 19th, 2023. Patrick Diomede moved to approve the draft minutes from last month, Nicholas Bielinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Chairman Nicholas Bielinski read the Advisory Committee's Disclosure Policy. Advisory Committee members must disclose their knowledge of an applicant to the Advisory Committee during the consideration process. Knowledge of an applicant that benefits all members of the Advisory Committee during the consideration process does not create a conflict of interest. If an Advisory Committee member has knowledge of an applicant and has a vested interest in the outcome of the Committee's findings or seeks to benefit or gain from a vote on a particular application, he/she is required to recuse his or herself from consideration of that applicant as it creates a conflict of interest.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Nicholas Bielinski moved the meeting to executive session at 2:05 p.m. to discuss Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF) applications in meeting packet that are according to ARS 41-608.04. E., confidential. Executive Session is allowable under ARS 41-608.04.E.

### **APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chairman Nicholas Bielinski returned the meeting to public session at 2:45 p.m. to vote on applications in meeting packet.

- 1. 2023-05 F TIP** - Jessica Morel moved to approve the application as requested for TIP. Nicholas Bielinski seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 2. 2023-05 B TIP**- Patrick Diomede moved to approve the application as requested. Cynthia Olortegui Vargas seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**3. 2023-05 A TIP** - Jack Moore motioned to approve the application. Mark Holmes seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**4. 2022 10 I-** Cynthia Olortegui Vargas motioned to deny the application as requested due to the committee seeing the request as a want not a need. Patrick Diomedes seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**5. 2023-05 J TIP** - Jack Moore motioned to approve the application as requested pending the correct DD214 being provided. Cynthia Olortegui Vargas seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## **MARKETING REPORT**

## **CALL TO PUBLIC**

No members of the public were present.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Nicholas Bielinski moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting at 2:50 pm. The next meeting is tentatively planned for June 21st, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.