

## Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room  
3839 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 209, Phoenix, AZ 85012  
June 18, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.

### Committee Members Present

Randy Meyer, Chairman  
Martin Badegian\*  
Paul Clark, Vice Chairman  
Carol Culbertson  
George Cushing  
Paul McKenney\*  
Kathy Pearce\*

### Committee Members Absent

Mike Klier, ADVS Asst Deputy Director/Designee  
John Aldecoa  
Larry Brown  
Larry Struck  
Thomas Troxell  
Stanley Zeitz

*\* Participated in the meeting by teleconference*

### MFRF Committee Staff

Travis Schulte, ADVS/MFRF

Assistant Arizona Attorney General - Invited

## CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Meyer called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m. George Cushing moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on May 21, 2013. Carol Culbertson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Chairman Meyer 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 Meyer moved the meeting to executive session at 2:14 p.m. to discuss MFRF applications that are, according to ARS 41-608.04.E., confidential. Executive Session is allowable under ARS 41-608.04.E.

## APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Meyer returned the meeting to public session at 3:32 p.m. to vote on applications:

1. **2010E June C** – Paul Clark moved to recommend the application be denied as submitted due to a combination of failing to tie applicant's gout to combat deployment and applicant states a \$750 month surplus on the application. Kathy Pearce seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
2. **2012 January J** – Paul Clark moved to recommend the application be denied as submitted as school error delaying GI Bill payment is not linked to combat deployment, and that school error is the genesis of the hardship and ineligible per Award Criteria. George Cushing seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. 2012 **December F** – George Cushing moved to recommend the application be denied as the Committee did not receive the additional information that was asked for from last month's meeting, which was why applicant is no longer receiving food stamps, is applicant still living in section 8 housing, nature of the ATM withdraws at the casino and applicant's efforts to reverse the child support since applicant now has custody her children. Paul Clark seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
4. 2013 **April D** – Paul Clark moved to recommend the application be approved as submitted for \$3,000 for rent and past due fees. George Cushing seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
5. 2013 **May F** – Paul Clark moved to recommend the application be approved for \$3,731.36 for mortgage, which includes past due amount through June and the monthly payments for July and August subject to receipt of the current mortgage statement and a listing of additional assistance received from other organizations since application was submitted in early May. George Cushing seconded the motion. Per discussion, Carol Culbertson inquired if utilities should also be included. Cushing and Kathy Pearce stated AZ Heroes to Hometowns has already help with the past due utilities. Per Clark, in the event we do not get an accurate and honest list this award will not go through. Per vote, the motion carried unanimously.
6. 2013 **June A** – George Cushing moved to recommend application be denied as submitted for a year of mortgage and utility assistance as the corrected financial worksheet reflected a monthly surplus and the premise of the application was to rebuild their savings account, which is not an eligible reason for assistance, but applicant may reapply for assistance with the cost of the A/C unit replacement and auto repairs cited in application if she provides the Committee the age of the home and receipts for the A/C and car repair. Paul Clark seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
7. 2013 **June B** – Paul Clark moved to recommend application be approved for \$3,612.24 for three month's mortgage assistance only as that will effectively reimburse applicant for the moving costs alone incurred as a result of deployment and need for spouse to be relocated from California to Mesa to be near family due to pregnancy bed rest order. A partial award is appropriate as none of the other expenses cited are tied to deployment, and assistance with the mortgage will cover the exact cost of the move. George Cushing seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
8. 2013 **June C** – Paul Clark moved to recommend application be denied as submitted as it does not meet the eligibility requirements of hardship being tied to deployment to a combat theater. George Cushing seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
9. 2013 **June E** – Paul Clark moved to recommend application be approved for up to \$10,000 as submitted to participate in the six month transition in place program providing case management, supportive services and housing to prevent homelessness and address long term risk factors. George Cushing seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

## MARKETING REPORTS

Paul Clark went on the air with Vets on Radio on June 5, informed them about MFRF and may go on the air again in the future. The Friends of Freedom group will be hosting a golf tournament this month, and various members of the Friends of Freedom including Fumar Cigars help spread the word about MFRF.

Paul Clark and Travis Schulte will continue trying to connect with the Phoenix Recruiting Battalion in order to connect them and their soldiers with MFRF.

## CALL TO PUBLIC

No public attendance.

**ADJOURNMENT and NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

George Cushing moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting. Paul Clark seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

The next Advisory Committee meeting will be Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.