

## Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room  
3839 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 209, Phoenix, AZ 85012  
January 21-2014 – 2:00 p.m.

### **Committee Members Present**

Randy Meyer, Chairman  
John Aldecoa\* 2:15-2:17 Returned 2:58  
Carol Culbertson  
Martin Badegian\*  
George Cushing\*  
Paul McKenney\*  
Kathy Pearce\*  
Larry Struck\*  
Thomas Troxell\*  
Stanley Zeitz

### **Committee Members Absent**

Robert Barnes, ADVS Deputy Director/Designee  
Brown Larry  
Paul Clark

### **MFRF Committee Staff**

George Schmitz, ADVS/MFRF  
Sean Price, ADVS

*\* Participated in the meeting by teleconference*

Assistant Arizona Attorney General - Invited

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

Chairman Meyers called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Randell Meyer moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on December 10<sup>th</sup> 2013. Carol Culbertson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Chairman Meyers 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 Meyers moved the meeting to executive session at 2:05 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 Meyers returned the meeting to public session at 3:32 p.m. to vote on applications:

1. 2013 **July E** – Larry Struck moved to recommend application to be approved for \$1617.70 for two months assistance for auto payment, utilities water, internet, electric and auto insurance. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried with one objection.
2. 2013 **August E** – Carol Culbertson moved to recommend application to be approved for \$3258.00 for three months' rent, electricity, water, cell phone and dental insurance, but not cable or student loans as they are ineligible per award criteria. Larry Struck seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
3. 2013 **December F** – Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for \$5651.58 for assistance with two months' rent, utilities electricity, water, internet, one cell phone, auto payments and insurance, but not second cell phone or credit cards as they are ineligible per award criteria. Thomas Troxell seconded the motion, and the motion carried without objection.
4. 2014 **January B** – George Cushing moved to recommend the application be approved for \$3855.00 for three months assistance not to exceed amount of request and applicant to provide receipts for hotel, flight, rental car, auto fuel, food and airport parking. Larry Struck seconded the motion. Per vote, the motion carried unanimously. Kathy Pearce has offered two Southwest Vouchers for \$50.00 each that would need to be used by 3-19-2014 to help this applicant.
5. 2014 **January D** – George Cushing moved to recommend the application be denied. Committee would like documentation for PTSD and applicant can reapply providing VA documentation for PTSD Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
6. 2014 **January E** – Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend the application be denied as applicant does not meet the MFRF criteria, hardship not tied to combat deployment. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
7. 2014 **January G** – Stanley Zeitz made the motion to table until next meeting 2/18/14 Committee is requesting further documentation on the following medical expenses, brother not contributing and food stamps application. Applicant can file an emergency application while this application is tabled. Kathy Pearce seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
8. 2013 **December A-** George Cushing made the motion to approve applicant for \$7362.61 for an additional three months for housing services and support/case management services for five months. Kathy Pearce seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.
9. 2013 **December G-** Kathy Pearce made the motion to approve applicant for housing services and supportive/case management services on a month to month basis providing proof of VA appointments for an additional five months. John Aldecoa seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

## MARKETING REPORTS

The committee appreciated the invitation to volunteer for the Ride For the Warrior event, but had to decline at this time.

## CALL TO PUBLIC

No public attendance. Kathy Pearce mentioned that Heroes' to Hometown 5K run March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Gilbert and would like to see the committee at the event. Chairman Meyer mentioned possible legislation that may impact MFRF funds.

## **ADJOURNMENT and NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Stanley Zeitz moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting. George Cushing Seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.