

Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room
3839 North 3rd Street, Suite 209, Phoenix, AZ 85012
March 18th 2014 – 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Randy Meyer (Chairman)
John Aldecoa
Carol Culbertson
George Cushing*
Paul McKenney
Kathy Pearce*
Larry Struck*
Thomas Troxell*
Stanley Zeitz
Larry Brown*
Paul Clark*

Committee Members Absent

Robert Barnes, ADVS Deputy Director/Designee
Martin Badegian

** Participated in the meeting by teleconference*

MFRF Committee Staff

George Schmitz, ADVS/MFRF
Sean Price, ADVS

Assistant Arizona Attorney General - Invited

CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Randy Meyer called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Correction for Larry Browns name noted. George Cushing moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on February 18th 2014. Tom Troxell 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 2:03 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. Chairman Meyer returned the meeting to public session at 3:22 p.m. to vote on applications. Chairman Meyer moved the meeting back to executive session at 3:23 p.m. to further discuss one application.

APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Meyer returned the meeting to public session at 3:24 p.m. to vote on applications.

1. **2011 E November E** – Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be denied for rent and HOA due to applicant requesting payment of a mortgage that is not the applicants financial responsibility and applicant did not provide a rental agreement. Larry Struck seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **2013 November B** – Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for two months of auto, mortgage and utility payments with the contingency on the mortgage and utility payments. Applicant must provide documentation of living in his residence listed on the application. If the applicant is leasing/renting his residence to another individual then mortgage and/or utilities will not be paid. John Aldecoa seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
3. **2014 January G** – George Cushing moved to recommend application be denied as submitted as the applicant failed to provide the additional information requested when his application was tabled at the February 18th, 2014 meeting. Larry Brown seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **2012 December C** – George Cushing moved to recommend application be approved for \$2877.93 for auto repairs but declined the garage door repairs, with the applicants current resources and ability to cut non-critical expenses the applicant will be able to cover the garage door repair costs . Information for the VA Caregiver program will be provided to the applicant. Larry Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed with ten ayes and one nay.
5. **2014 February B-** Kathy Pearce moved to recommend application be approved for \$2750.00 covering two months of rent and utilities. George Cushing seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
6. **2014 March A-** Kathy Pearce moved to recommend application be approved for \$5302.16 covering four months of rent and auto payments. Information for the VA Caregiver program will be provided to the applicant. George Cushing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
7. **2014 March D-** George Cushing moved to recommend application be denied as it failed to establish that the current financial hardship was a result of deployment to a combat zone. Ineligible per award criteria. Larry Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
8. **2014 February C-** John Aldecoa moved to recommend the application be approved as submitted for up to \$10,000.00 for participation in the Transition in Place program that provides six month housing assistance and supportive services. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
9. **2013 March A-** George Cushing moved to recommend application be denied as submitted as the applicant failed to establish a financial hardship. Larry Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
10. **2014 March B-** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for \$1846.41 covering three months of auto payments, insurance and utilities. George Cushing seconded the motion, and the motion passed with ten ayes and one nay.

MARKETING REPORTS

Kathy Pearce mentioned that Heroes' to Hometown 5K run March 22nd in Gilbert and would like to see the committee at the event.

CALL TO PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Stanley Zeitz moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting. Caroleen Culbertson Seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15th 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.