

Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

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

Committee Members Present

Randy Meyer (Chairman)
Anthony Irby
Larry Struck
George Cushing
Thomas Troxell
Paul Clark
Stanley Zeitz
Martin Badegian
Carol Culbertson
Kathy Pearce

Committee Members Absent

Robert Barnes, ADVS Deputy Director/Designee

MFRF Committee Staff

Michelle Sullivan, ADVS/MFRF

Assistant Arizona Attorney General - Invited

CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Randy Meyer called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. George Cushing moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on October 17th 2014. Anthony Irby 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 2:06 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 3:27 p.m. to vote on applications.

1. **2011-November F** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for up to \$10,000 for participation in the Transition in Place program that provides up to six month housing assistance and supportive services, contingent upon applicant agreeing with program rules with program acceptance. Thomas Troxell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

More than 2/3 majority present for decision to grant over \$10,000 as applicant has previously been awarded \$2,468.90.

2. **2012-January B** Stanley Zeitz motioned application be approved for assistance with two months' rent, utilities-electric, water, and partial garbage only. This will bring the applicant up to the \$10,000 limit. Anthony Irby recommended applicant apply for temporary 100% disability or UI through the VA and follow up with a VBA representative. Thomas Troxell seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
3. **2010-June C** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for assistance with two months' rent and one month auto only. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Anthony Irby recommended applicant apply for temporary 100% disability until able to return to employment status.
4. **2014-September D** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for assistance with two months' rent, auto insurance, cell phone, basic internet and utilities-electric, water only. Larry Struck seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimously.
5. **2014-October D** Kathy Pearce moved to recommend application be approved for up to \$10,000 for participation in the Transition in Place program that provides up to six month housing assistance and supportive services. George Cushing seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
6. **2014-November B** Larry Struck moved to recommend application be approved as requested for assistance with two months' rent. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
7. **2014-November E** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be denied three months of auto and phone payments due to lack of financial responsibility, no income to support any of the household expenses and purchasing of luxury vehicle. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
8. **2014-November 11** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for assistance with move in deposit plus three months of rent and one month of utility. The committee recommended applicant readdress child support through courts to have it lowered, apply for food stamps, and make an appointment to see a VBA. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
9. **2013- March A** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for assistance with two months' rent and current water bill only. The committee vote for this application was sharply divided and it is highly unlikely a 2/3 supermajority approval will be achieved for additional applications which would drive the total awards from MFRF over \$10,000. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried by majority.

MARKETING REPORTS

CALL TO PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Anthony Irby moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16th 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.