

## 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 20th 2015 – 2:00 p.m.

### **Committee Members Present**

Randy Meyer (Chairman)  
Anthony Irby  
Larry Struck  
Kathy Pearce  
Thomas Troxell  
Carol Culbertson  
Stanley Zeitz  
Martin Badegian  
John Aldecoa  
Robert Barnes, ADVS Deputy Director/Designee  
George Cushing

### **Committee Members Absent**

Paul Clark

### **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 2:03 p.m. Stanley Zeitz moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on December 16<sup>th</sup> 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 2:05 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 Meyer returned the meeting to public session at 3:04 p.m. to vote on applications.

- 1. 2010-June C** George Cushing moved to recommend application be partially approved as requested for assistance with rent, auto payment, phone, and auto insurance, the Committee recommended one additional month of assistance approved to assist applicant until he returned to employment. Anthony seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **2013-July E** George Cushing motioned application be partially approved for assistance with one month's rent and half of the overdue auto payment. The Committee recommended applicant applies for an increase in disability through the VA and follow up with a VBA representative. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried by majority vote.
3. **2014-November I** Anthony Irby moved to recommend application partially approved for assistance with two months' rent only. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **2014-July C** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved as requested for assistance with two month's rent plus an additional month to aid in reducing applicant's hardship. George Cushing seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimously.
5. **2014-March I** George Cushing moved to recommend application be partially approved for assistance with three months' rent, late fees, and utilities only. The Committee did not approve the request for food and gas as applicant will be able to sustain household with approved assistance. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
6. **2014-November C** Larry Struck moved to recommend application be partially approved two months of assistance for auto payments, auto insurance, utility-gas, and partial cell phone only. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
7. **2014-December B** John Aldecoa moved to recommend application be approved for three months of rent and one-time utility-water only. The Committee recommends applicant meets with a Veteran Benefit Counselor to assist in disability claim application. George Cushing seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **MARKETING REPORTS**

### **CALL TO PUBLIC**

Casey Harris from UAV presented HB 2104 a lottery game to provide educational assistance to veterans who have utilized GI Bill. The Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistant Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-252.)

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

George Cushing moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.