

Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room
3839 North 3rd Street, Suite 209, Phoenix, AZ 85012
May 19th 2015 – 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Absent

Paul Clark
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 2:07 p.m. Stanley Zeitz moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on April 21th 2015. Anthony Irby seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Chairman Randy 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 Randy Meyer moved the meeting to executive session at 2:09 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 Randy Meyer returned the meeting to public session at 3:26 p.m. to vote on applications.

1. **2011-July M 4-13-2015** Anthony Irby moved to recommend application be denied as requested for assistance with twelve month's rent, auto, phone and utilities. The Committee noted the applicant rent is extremely high with no apparent income. There is no income or future plan for self-sufficiency to be able to sustain high expenses. The application does not reflect updated bills demonstrating recent award for financial assistance. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
2. **2014-July C 4-20-2015** Kathy Pearce moved to recommend application be approved for one months rent and auto. Anthony Irby recommended applicant meet with VA Outreach Homeless team for a homeless assessment. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
3. **2012-April D** Anthony Irby moved to recommend application be approved for one month of rental assistance with the requirement to submit a claim for VA disability with VA Benefits. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **2015-April J TIP** John Aldecoa 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. Thomas Troxell seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously
5. **2015-May A TIP** George Cushing 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. Kathy Pearce seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
6. **2015-May B** George Cushing moved to recommend application be approved two months' rent, electric, and water. Kathy Pearce seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
7. **2015-April C** Tabled last meeting. George Cushing moved to recommend application be denied. Application does not meet the MFRF criteria, no combat related hardship verified. Thomas Troxell seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
8. **2011-September N 5-06-2015** George Cushing moved to recommend application be denied for assistance. The Committee states applicant is being taken care of by VA through sufficient compensation, and recommends financial counseling. Thomas Troxell seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously
9. **2014-January A 4-28-2015** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for assistance three months of rent and auto assistance only. The Committee recommended the applicant apply for caregiver benefits and UI through the VA. John Aldecoa seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
10. **2015-May A 4-28-2015** Anthony Irby 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. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously
11. **2015-May E** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for assistance with three months' truck payment only. The Committee recommends meeting with a Veterans Benefits Coordinator at ADVS to follow up on VA benefits. John Aldecoa seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
12. **2015-May C** Anthony Irby moved to recommend application be approved for assistance with three months' rent, utilities, auto insurance, and phone only. The Committee recommends meeting with a Veterans Benefits Coordinator at ADVS to follow up on increasing disability claim. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried by majority.

MARKETING REPORTS

CALL TO PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Carol Culbertson moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.