

Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

Arizona Department of Veterans' Service
3839 N. 3rd Street, Ste 209, Phoenix, Arizona 85012
June 20th, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Randy Meyer (Chairman)
Stanley Zeitz (Vice Chairman)
Carol Culbertson
Anthony Irby
Raphael Ahmed
Thomas Troxell
John Aldecoa

Committee Members Absent

Robert Barnes, ADVS Deputy Director/Designee
Kathy Pearce
Martin Badegian
Teresa Kolodny
Paul Clark
Larry Struck

MFRF Committee Staff

John F. Scott, Assistant Deputy Director
Stephanie Michael, ADVS/MFRF
Monica DeLaRosa, Admin.
Mallory Roeder, ADVS Intern

Assistant Arizona Attorney General – Benjamin Norris

CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Randy Meyer called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Stan Zeitz moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on May 9th, 2017. 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 2:20 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 4:20 p.m. to vote on applications.

1. **2017-05 B** Carol Culbertson recommended application be approved as requested for car payments and three months of rental assistance. Stan Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **2017-07 K** John Aldecoa recommended application be approved as requested, contingent upon applicant providing documentation of PTSD rating and disability. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously
3. **2017-03 I** Stanley Zeitz recommended application be denied as requested. Committee suggested applicant sell out of state rental property, follow up on disability rating and keep treatment appointments. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **2017-01 J** John Aldecoa moved to recommend application be approved as requested, contingent upon applicant adding dependent to VA claim. Stan Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
5. **2017-05 C** Anthony Irby moved to recommend application be approved as requested. In addition to the requested funds, Stan Zeitz recommended the applicant receive two additional months of requested assistance after meeting with Anthony Irby at the CRRC to file a claim. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
6. **2015-09 A Anthony** Irby recommended application be approved as requested. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously
7. **2017-06 A** Stan Zeitz recommended application be approved as requested. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
8. **2017-06 B Stan** Zeitz recommended application be approved as requested. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
9. **2017-06 E** Anthony Irby recommended application be approved as requested and suggested applicant consider getting rid of one of the vehicles to reduce debt. Stan Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
10. **2014-07 C** Anthony Irby recommended application be approved as requested for assistance. Stan Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
11. **2016-05 G** Anthony Irby recommended the application be approved as requested. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
12. **2017-06 F TIP** Stan Zeitz recommended the application be approved and submitted for participation in the Transition in Place Program up to \$10,000 that provides up to six month housing assistance and supportive services. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
13. **2017-06 G TIP** Stan Zeitz recommended the application be approved as requested, contingent upon applicant explaining reported auto and rental obligations in detail. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
14. **2017-05 D** Anthony Irby recommended the application be approved for three months of rent, storage and utility arrears, contingent upon providing storage documentation. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
15. **2017-06 D** Anthony Irby recommended the application be approved as requested, contingent upon financial counseling. The Committee recommended applicant inquire about being potentially eligible for CRSC. Stan Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
16. **2017-06 H TIP** John Aldecoa recommended the application be approved and submitted for participation in the Transition in Place Program up to \$10,000 that provides up to six month housing assistance and supportive services. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously

17. **2017-03 D** Stan Zeitz recommended application be approved as requested, contingent on updated medical bills moving forward. Anthony Irby seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
18. **2016-02 B** Stan Zeitz recommended application be denied, as applicant did not provide proof that correlated the current financial hardship to previous combat deployment. Anthony Irby seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
19. **2017-06 I** Raphael Ahmed recommended that application be approved as requested. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion and the motion did not carry unanimously.
20. **2017-04 B** Stan Zeitz recommended application be approved as requested. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
21. **2017-04 I** John Aldecoa recommended application be approved for three months of rental assistance. The Committee also recommended financial counseling. Anthony Irby seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
22. **2017-06 K** Stan Zeitz recommended application be approved as requested. Raphael Ahmed seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
23. **2017-01 F** Anthony Irby recommended application be approved as requested, contingent upon informing VA of current dependent status. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

MARKETING REPORTS

ADVS Assistant Deputy Director John F. Scott attended to present the new and revised MFRF application to the Committee. The MFRF Advisory Committee members gave feedback on the application and stated they would be open and willing to trying the new application. MFRF ADVS staff will re-education community and distribute new application and report updates back to Committee. MFRF ADVS staff will submit a script to the Committee for review to demonstrate

Vice Chairman Stan Zeitz suggested the Committee vote on a deadline date for applicants to submit applications before the upcoming Committee meeting. Stan stated it was very difficult to thoroughly review all applications before the meeting when applications were being submitted to the Committee for review a day or less before the scheduled meeting. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of implementing a deadline date, but did not vote or make a final decision.

CALL TO PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Carol Culbertson moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting. Anthony Irby seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 18th, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Arizona Department of Veteran Services.