

Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

Arizona Department of Veterans' Service
3839 N. 3rd Street, Ste 209, Phoenix, Arizona 85012
July 18th, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Randy Meyer (Chairman)
Stanley Zeitz (Vice Chairman)
Anthony Irby
Raphael Ahmed
Thomas Troxell
Martin Badegian
Larry Struck

Committee Members Absent

Robert Barnes, ADVS Deputy Director/Designee
Kathy Pearce
Teresa Kolodny
Paul Clark
John Aldecoa
Carol Culbertson

MFRF Committee Staff

Wanda A. Wright, ADVS Director
Stephanie Michael, ADVS/MFRF
Monica DeLaRosa, MFRF 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 June 20th, 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 2:08 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 3:25 p.m. to vote on applications.

1. **2017-06 K** Anthony Irby recommended application be approved for one month of mortgage assistance and three months of car payment assistance. Stan Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
2. **2017-06 L TIP** Tom Troxell recommended application be approved as requested, contingent upon applicant exploring his eligibility for CRSC and SSDI. Raphael Ahmed seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously
3. **2011-07 C TIP** Stanley Zeitz recommended application be approved as requested, contingent upon applicant meeting with Anthony Irby regarding his claim. Tom Troxell seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **2017-06 P TIP** Anthony Irby moved to recommend application be approved as requested for remaining TIP funds. Stan Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
5. **2013-07 H** Stan Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for two months of assistance, contingent upon applicant completing financial counseling. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
6. **2014-03 F** Tom Troxell recommended application be approved for three months of rent, and utilities. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously
7. **2017-07 D** Anthony Irby recommended application be disapproved, as applicant earns too much in monthly income to justify a need for MFRF funds. Stan Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
8. **2017-06 J** Stan Zeitz recommended application be approved as requested. Raphael Ahmed seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
9. **2016-11 G TIP** Anthony Irby recommended application be approved as requested and suggested applicant consider financial counseling. Larry Struck seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
10. **2017-06 C TIP** Tom Troxell recommended application be approved as requested for assistance. Stan Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
11. **2015-10 G TIP** Stan Zeitz recommended the application be approved as requested, contingent upon applicant notifying the VA about the divorce. Larry Struck seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
12. **2017-06 M TIP** Anthony Irby 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. Tom Troxell seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
13. **2017-02 D** Stan Zeitz recommended the application be approved as requested, contingent upon applicant following through with the VA exam. Tom Troxell seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
14. **2016-10 O** Randy Meyer recommended the application be approved for rental arrears and four months of rental assistance. Anthony Irby seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

15. 2017-07 E Anthony Irby recommended the application be approved for past due auto and electric, and two months of auto and electric assistance. Tom Troxell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

16. MARKETING REPORTS

Chairman Randy Meyer stated he attended the Veterans Caucus and that MFRF was a major topic of conversation at the event. Randy Meyer stated there were three different MFRF bills put forward, none of which passed at this time. Randy Meyer stated most people supported extending the sunset date on MFRF to 2025, and reiterated that his position was that he supported the extension of the MFRF sunset date and remained neutral in regards to transferring the MFRF fund balance elsewhere.

Vice Chairman Stan Zeitz voiced that he did not like the new MFRF application, and would prefer to see applicants lists all of their expenses on the financial worksheet. Monica DeLaRosa highlighted the success of the Kingman Military/Veteran Women's Expo on July 15th.

CALL TO PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Randy Meyer adjourned the Advisory Committee meeting at 3:48pm. The next Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday August 15th, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Arizona Department of Veteran Services.