

Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

Arizona Department of Veterans' Service
3839 N. 3rd Street, Ste 209, Phoenix, Arizona 85012
November 14th, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Randy Meyer (Chairman)
Stanley Zeitz (Vice Chairman)
Anthony Irby
Carol Culbertson
Thomas Troxell
Martin Badegian
John Aldecoa
Paul Clark

Committee Members Absent

Robert Barnes, ADVS Deputy Director/Designee
Teresa Kolodny
Raphael Ahmed
Larry Struck
Kathy Pearce

MFRF Committee Staff

Stephanie Michael, ADVS/MFRF
Monica Delarosa, ADVS/MFRF

Assistant Arizona Attorney General – Benjamin
Norris

CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Randy Meyer called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Stan Zeitz moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on September 19th, 2017. John Aldecoa 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 2:07 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 3:38 p.m. to vote on applications.

1. **2014-06 E** Stan Zeitz recommended application be approved for the eviction, utility arrears and two months of rent. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **2017-10 G TIP** Tom Troxell recommended application be approved as requested and applicant be recommended for the Transition in Place program and financial counseling. Martin Badegian seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously
3. **2017-41 H TIP** Anthony Irby recommended application be approved as requested for the Transition in Place program. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **2017-10 I TIP** Anthony Irby recommended application be approved as requested for the Transition in Place program. Stan Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
5. **2017-08 K TIP** John Aldecoa recommended application be denied as requested for the Transition in Place program for failure to correlate a previous combat deployment with the current financial hardship situation. Tom Troxell seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
6. **2013-06 B** Stan Zeitz recommended application be denied as requested for the Transition in Place program for failure to demonstrate a decrease in spending and a current financial hardship. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
7. **2011-08 I** Anthony Irby recommended application be approved for 2 months of phone and utility assistance and three months of rental and auto assistance. Stan Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously
8. **2017-11 B** Stan Zeitz recommended application be approved as requested contingent on filing a VA claim as soon as possible. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
9. **2015-10 H** Stan Zeitz recommended application approved for three months of rent. Tom Troxell seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
10. **2017-11 A TIP** Tom Troxell recommended application be approved as requested for the Transition in Place program. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
11. **2017-11 D** Stan Zeitz recommended the initial application be approved as requested. Tom Troxell seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
12. **2016-05 G** Anthony Irby recommended the application be approved as requested for six months of assistance or equal to the amount of MFRF funds left available. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
13. **2017-11 E** John Aldecoa recommended the application be approved as requested. Anthony Irby seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
14. **2017-06 C** Tom Troxell recommended the application be denied as requested, due to lack of a current financial hardship. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
15. **2017-08 K** Anthony Irby recommend the application be tabled at this time until further financial documentation can be obtained. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
16. **2017-11 C** Anthony Irby recommended the application be approved as requested. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

MARKETING REPORTS

Chairman Randy Meyer brought up the issue of MFRF Committee attendance and participation. Randy proposed that the MFRF Advisory Committee adopt a new bylaw that states Committee Members must remain active and attend 70% of the yearly MFRF Advisory Committee meetings to be eligible to remain on the Committee. This correlates to attending 8 out of the 12 scheduled MFRF Advisory Meetings throughout the year. John Aldecoa seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Meyer will reach out and contact those Committee members with low attendance rates to see if they are still interested in being a part of the MFRF Advisory Committee.

CALL TO PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Randy Meyer moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting at 4:05pm. The next Advisory Committee meeting date is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 19th, 2017 at ADVS.

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