

Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room
3839 North 3rd Street, Suite 209, Phoenix, AZ 85012
March 19, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Randy Meyer, Chairman
John Aldecoa*
Martin Badegian*
Larry Brown*
Paul Clark, Vice Chairman (2:14)
George Cushing
Paul McKenney
Larry Struck*
Thomas Troxell
Stanley Zeitz*

Committee Members Absent

Robert Barnes, ADVS Deputy Director
Carol Culbertson
Kathy Pearce

** Participated in the meeting by teleconference*

MFRF Committee Staff

Travis Schulte, ADVS/MFRF

Assistant Arizona Attorney General - Invited

CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Meyer called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. George Cushing moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on February 19, 2013. Paul Clark 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 2:11 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 2:15 p.m. to vote on applications:

1. **2012 July N** – George Cushing moved to recommend application be approved for up to \$3,803.11 for past due rent and utilities and two months rent and utilities contingent upon her providing claim status or something from the Wounded Warrior Program indicating she is in fact enrolled in it. Paul Clark seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Additional months of assistance were not recommended as a total of three months are typical and consistent with Committee recommendations for applicants with a VA disability claim pending.

2. 2013 **February B** – George Cushing moved to recommend application be approved as submitted for \$651.98 for balance of auto insurance reinstatement amount and one month rent. Thomas Troxell seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
3. 2013 **March B** – John Aldecoa moved to recommend application be approved for \$3,096.47 for past due mortgage and auto payment and one additional month mortgage. Paul Clark seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Per discussion, Paul Clark stated approving one additional month mortgage would free up some capital so he could pay off his credit cards and allow him to get to a larger monthly surplus thereafter without the credit card past due. Randy Meyer stated that looking at the applicant's (monthly deficit) plus or minus he is slightly in the plus and it's expected that the applicant would take advantage of the award to maintain financial stability. Paul Clark found it interesting that in 2009 GMAC approved the applicant to buy a house, which was in the depths of the housing cratering and required loan applicants to be highly qualified, but four years later can't cover it. Thomas Troxell pointed out that GMAC was the servicing agent for USAA, and that this home loan may be a VA backed loan.
4. 2013 **March C** – George Cushing moved to recommend approval of application as submitted for \$5,538.54 for three months mortgage, utilities and auto. Paul Clark seconded the motion. Per discussion Paul Clark stated reason for the partial award is that three months is reasonable to see if gainful employment can be conjured up and is consistent with past Committee decisions. Thomas Troxell recommended applicant check out ESGR regarding the loss of his employment. Per vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MARKETING REPORTS

Committee members Randy Meyer, John Aldecoa, and Thomas Troxell volunteered at Arizona StandDown on March 7, 8 and 9. Travis Schulte reported that the StandDown served 1,510 veterans, and based on the preliminary numbers the trend of veterans coming from a housed position increased and street living homeless veterans decreased as anticipated.

Larry Brown has been networking with various veterans organizations in Surprise to spread the word and speaking with VSO Ambassadors to let them know if they work with OEF/OIF vets to call us. Larry Brown is also planning the Memorial Day celebration in Surprise again this year. It will be in-doors, and he is working with the new location to see if businesses can attend. Larry Brown also inquired if Randy Meyer or someone will be able to attend the next UAV meeting. Scheduling will be worked out between Randy, Paul Clark and Carol Culbertson, who is secretary of the UAV.

Thomas Troxell is also passing out cards to various organizations and functions he attends.

CALL TO PUBLIC

No public attendance.

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

George Cushing moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting. Thomas Troxell seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

The next Advisory Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 23 at 2:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.