



KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND

Minutes

20 March 2024

Chairman Whitney Allen called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. This meeting was conducted via a hybrid Zoom videoconference and in-person meeting.

ROLL CALL

- Members Present:
 - o Whitney Allen (KDVA), Chairman
 - o Juan Renaud (KDVA), Deputy Commissioner, KDVA Designee
 - o Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - o Dave Jarrett (DAV)
 - o Carla Raisler (KYNG)
 - o David Rummmler (JECVO)
 - o David Best (GAB)
 - o Tim Martinez (At-Large)
 - o Amy McGrath (At-Large)

- Members Absent:

- KDVA Staff Present:
 - o Dwayne Edwards, KDVA Chief of Staff
 - o Stephanie Belt, KDVA Budget Manager
 - o Tamara Reid-Macintosh, KDVA Staff Attorney - joined at 9:20am
 - o Kelsey Sanders, KDVA HR Specialist III
 - o Kirk Shepherd, KDVA Executive Secretary
 - o Laura Brown, KDVA Budget Specialist

- The majority of voting members were present to satisfy a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of Minutes from previous meeting.
 - o Board approved minutes from 13 December 2023 meeting as presented.
 - # Initial Motion: Carl Kaelin (VFW)

- # Motion Seconded: Dave Jarrett (DAV).
- # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

- Monthly Activity Reports for December (847,526.77), January (\$903,264.93), and February (908,407.20)
- Total Available funds for granting today is \$602,005.82- Commissioner did not set a buffer for remaining funds today.

DISCUSSION

KDVA received a request during the September 2023 Trust Fund meeting to fund a parking lot expansion for the Clarkson Veterans Memorial. The Trust Fund Board denied the obligation. Deputy Commissioner Juan Renaud visited the site and confirmed that it would be expanding onto city property. The Trust Fund cannot cover funds for city property.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF GRANT REQUESTS TOTALING \$390,246.00 for the following grants:

- 1. Homeless Veterans Program (Interagency)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$50,000** to prevent eviction and utility disconnection for veterans and their families.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$50,000**.
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion seconded by David Rummler (JECVO).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

- 2. Rowan County Veterans Foundation (KY0510430)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$500** to build a simulated "hooch" on the north wall of Vietnam room and display memorabilia.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$500**
 - # Initial Motion made by Dave Jarrett (DAV)
 - # Motion seconded by David Rummler (JECVO)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

- 3. Clark County Veterans Council, Inc. (NO KY VENDOR #)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$100,000** to build a public monument to honor the sacrifices of 101 Clark County residents who gave their lives in World War II and Korea.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$100,000**.
 - # Initial Motion made by David Best (GAB).
 - # Motion seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA Deputy Commissioner).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

- 4. Honor Flight Bluegrass (NO KY VENDOR #)**

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$105,000. \$80,000** to first fly up to 84 veterans and 84 guardians to Washing D.C. to visit the War Memorials built in their honor. Second, **\$25,000** to fly WWII veterans in a WWII B-25 Bomber to various airports in KY.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of up to **\$105,000.**
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - # Motion seconded by David Best (GAB)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 5. Louisville Armed Forces Committee (NO KY VENDOR #)**
- # Request for funding in the amount of **\$5,000** to recognize and honor KY Veterans at the Louisville Armed Forces Day Dinner.
 - # The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$7,500.**
 - # Initial Motion by David Best (GAB) to increase funding to \$7,500.
 - # Juan Renaud (KDVA Deputy Commissioner) amended to add that none of the money can be used for gift cards.
 - # Motion Seconded by David Rummler (JECVO).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 6. Honor Flight Kentucky Inc. (NO KY VENDOR #)**
- Request for funding in the amount of **\$75,000** to fly KY Veterans to Washington DC to tour war memorials and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$75,000.**
 - # Initial Motion made by Dave Jarrett (DAV).
 - # Motion seconded by David Best (GAB).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 7. Lady Veterans Connect (KY0032840)**
- Request for funding in the amount of **\$14,746** to host a weekend for women veterans at Cumberland Falls State Park.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$14,746** with the stipulation that it only benefit KY Veterans.
 - # Initial Motion made by Carla Raisler (KYNG)
 - # Motion seconded by Amy McGrath (At-Large).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 8. The Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame (NO KY VENDOR #)**
- Request for funding in the amount of **\$30,000** to recognize and honor KY Veterans in the KY Veterans Hall of Fame.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$30,000.**
 - # Initial Motion made by Juan Renaud (KDVA Deputy Commissioner).
 - # Motion seconded by David Rummler (JECVO).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 9. Operation Odyssey Outdoors (NO KY VENDOR #)**
- Request for funding in the amount of **\$10,000** to sponsor a trip to Florida for 20 wounded heroes.

- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$10,000** with the stipulation that the funding only benefit KY Veterans.
 - # Initial Motion made by Carla Raisler (KYNG).
 - # Motion seconded by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

GRANT SUMMARY

- Total amount of Grants approved: 9 of 9.
- Total amount approved: **\$392,746.00**.

DISCUSSION

No discussion.

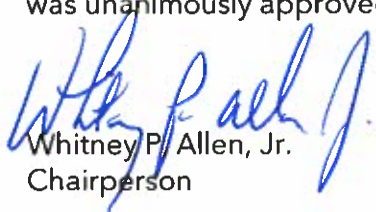
NEXT MEETING

DATE: June 12, 2024
TIME: 9:00 a.m. EST

PLACE: KDVA, 1111 Louisville Road, Suite B, Frankfort, KY 40601 or via Zoom teleconference depending on circumstances related to COVID-19 restrictions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by David Best (GAB) and seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA Deputy Commissioner) to adjourn at 12:09 p.m. Motion for adjournment was unanimously approved.



Whitney P. Allen, Jr.
Chairperson