



KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND

Minutes

18 September 2024

Chairman Whitney Allen called the meeting to order at 9:15 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 David Best (GAB)
 - o Dave Jarrett (DAV)
 - o David Rummler (JECVO)
 - o Amy McGrath (At-Large) - left at 10:01am, rejoined at 11:47am.
 - o Tim Martinez (At-Large) - joined at 9:54am.
- Members Absent:
 - o None
- KDVA Staff Present:
 - o Dwayne Edwards, KDVA Chief of Staff
 - o Stephanie Belt, KDVA Budget Manager
 - o Charla Sands, KDVA Staff Attorney
 - o Kelsey Sanders, KDVA HR Specialist Senior
- The majority of voting members were present to satisfy a quorum.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

- Review of Minutes from previous meeting.
 - o Board received minutes from 12 June 2024 meeting as presented.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

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- Monthly Activity Reports for funds available after obligations: June (\$246,754.09), July (\$392,772.97), and August (\$403,328.32)
 - Total Available funds for granting today is \$484,969.32- Commissioner set a buffer of \$225,000 for awarding funds today.

DISCUSSION

- Discussed new board members. There are 2 packets pending. Captain Walton is pending appointment from KYNG.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF GRANT REQUESTS TOTALING \$300,372.00 for the following grants:

- 1. Paws-Ability, Inc. (NO KY VENDOR #)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$10,000** to cover the expenses of training and placing two service dogs with local veterans or first responders struggling with PTSD. Stipulations that it only goes to veterans and no salaries.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$10,000**.
 - # Initial Motion made by David Best (GAB).
 - # Motion seconded by David Rummler (JECVO).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 2. Kentucky Aviation Historical Society, Inc. (KY0067819)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$25,000** to provide a two-day festival highlighting the history of aviation and providing a venue for service members to enjoy.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$25,000**
 - # Initial Motion made by David Rummler (JECVO).
 - # Motion seconded by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 3. HorseSensing (KY0066943)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$20,000** to provide 9 months of support for homeless veterans in HorseSensing's residential therapeutic job training and placement program.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$20,000**.
 - # Initial Motion made by David Rummler (JECVO)
 - # Motion seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA Designee).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 4. Kentucky Habitat for Humanity, Inc. (KS0004702)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$90,000** to provide critical home repairs for low, to extremely low-income Kentucky veterans.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of up to **\$90,000**.
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion seconded by David Best (GAB).

Motion for approval unanimously carried.

5. Hopkins County Union Statue Committee (NO KY VENDOR #)

- # Request for funding in the amount of **\$55,000** to build a 16-foot-tall bronze Union Civil War statue to help balance the Civil War history perspective in Hopkins County.
- # The Board voted to table this grant and have the group come back in December.
 - # Initial Motion by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion Seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA Designee).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

6. The Secretariat Center (NO KY VENDOR #)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$25,000** to provide transitioning service members and/or their spouses an opportunity for hands on experiences in all aspects of equine care.
- The Board voted to deny this grant.
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion seconded by Dave Jarrett (DAV).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

7. Veterans Rural Outreach, Inc. (KY0068840)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$65,372** to make a one-time purchase of a wheel-chair accessible vehicle to support veterans.
- VRO did not receive invitation to the Trust Fund meeting. Will be pushed to the December Trust Fund meeting.

8. Healing4Heroes (NO KY VENDOR #)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$10,000** to provide veterans a six-day training course, where they will learn how to work with their service dogs.
- The Board voted to deny this grant.
 - # Initial Motion made by Juan Renaud (KDVA Designee).
 - # Motion seconded by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

GRANT SUMMARY

- Total amount of Grants approved: 4 of 8.
- Total amount approved: **\$145,000**.

DISCUSSION

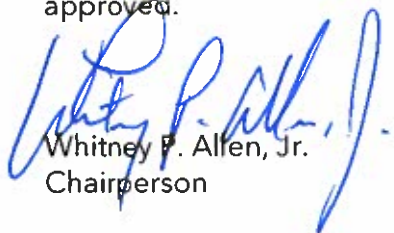
NEXT MEETING

DATE: December 11, 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 David Rummler (JECVO) to adjourn at 12:17 p.m. Motion for adjournment was unanimously approved.



Whitney P. Allen, Jr.
Chairperson