



KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND

Minutes

10 June 2026

Chairman Whitney Allen called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. This meeting was conducted via a hybrid Zoom videoconference and in-person meeting.

ROLL CALL

- Members Present:
 - Whitney Allen (KDVA), Chairman
 - Juan Renaud (KDVA), Deputy Commissioner, KDVA Designee
 - Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - Dean Stoops (JECVO)
 - Richard Dallaire (American Legion)
 - David Best (GAB)
 - Margaret Walton (KYNG)
 - Michael Sparks (DAV)
- Members Not Present:
 - Tim Martinez (At-Large)
- KDVA Staff Present:
 - Lily Patteson, KDVA Executive Director, OVLS
 - Bill Bonilla, KDVA Staff Attorney, OVLS
 - Holly Likes, KDVA Budget Manager
 - April Doll, KDVA Chief of Staff
- The majority of voting members were present to satisfy a quorum.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

- Review of Minutes from previous meeting.
 - Board received minutes from 11 March 2026 meeting as presented.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

- Monthly Activity Reports for funds available after obligations: March (\$583,723.21), April (\$588,992.81), and May (\$741,097.23)
- Total Available funds for granting today are \$741,097.23 – Commissioner did set a buffer \$272,035.20. Financial Report received and approved.

DISCUSSION

OLD BUSINESS

- N/A

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF GRANT REQUESTS TOTALING \$272,035.20 for the following grants:

1. Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame (KYB28393)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$40,000**. The purpose of this project is to recognize veterans who have been committed to lifelong service.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of \$40,000.
 - # Initial Motion made by David Best (GAB)
 - Motion seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

2. Bowman Field Foundation (KY0035795)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$40,000**. The purpose of this project is to highlight and support the long military and aviation history of Louisville and the region.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of \$40,000.
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - Motion seconded by Dean Stoops (JECVO)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

3. Hopkins County Honor Guard (KY0001878)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$7,588.20**. The purpose of this project is to purchase a second uniform for military honors ceremonies.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of \$7,588.20.
 - # Initial Motion made by David Best (GAB)
 - Motion seconded by Margaret Walton (KYNG)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

4. Lifeskills, Inc. (KY0031729)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$45,000**. The purpose of this project is to purchase a passenger van to transport veterans to and from medical appointments.
- The Board voted to defer a vote.
 - Initial Motion made by Mike Sparks (DAV) to defer for additional information.

- Motion seconded by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - Motion to defer was unanimously carried.
- 5. Operation Honor Corps/Patriot Landing (KY000732365)**
- Request for funding in the amount of **\$22,000**. The purpose of this project is to organize a 4-day celebration for veterans in the country.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of \$22,000.
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - Motion seconded by Richard Dallaire (American Legion)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 6. Pulaski County (KY) Habitat for Humanity (KS0004702)**
- Request for funding in the amount of **\$68,683**. The purpose of this project is to support energy efficiency and accessibility for the upcoming Habitat for Humanity Pulaski County, Kentucky Veterans' Village Build.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of \$68,683.
 - # Initial Motion made by Dean Stoops (JECVO)
 - # Motion seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA)
 - Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 7. Kentucky Wounded Heroes ()**
- Request for funding in the amount of **\$35,700**. The purpose of this project is to facilitate a healing expedition to Alaska for Kentucky's wounded veterans.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of \$35,700.
 - # Initial Motion made by David Best (GAB)
 - # Motion seconded by Richard Dallaire (American Legion)
 - Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 8. AccuTran Industries, Inc. & Proteck ()**
- Request for funding in the amount of **\$13,064**. The purpose of this project is to host the Freedom Singers USA Veteran Retreat.
 - Motion amended to change the award amount to \$21,000.
 - # Initial Motion made by David Best (GAB)
 - # Motion seconded by Richard Dallaire (American Legion)
 - Motion for approval of the amended amount of \$21,000 unanimously carried.

GRANT SUMMARY

- Total amount of Grants approved: 7 of 8 approved. 1 deferred.
- Total amount approved: **\$234,971.20**

DISCUSSION

N/A

NEXT MEETING

DATE: September 9, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m. EST

PLACE: KDVA, 1111 Louisville Road, Suite B, Frankfort, KY 40601 or via
Zoom teleconference.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19pm

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Chairperson