



KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND

Minutes

12 June 2024

Chairman Whitney Allen called the meeting to order at 9:02 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 Tim Martinez (At-Large)
 - o Amy McGrath (At-Large)

- Members Absent:
 - o Dave Jarrett (DAV)
 - o Carla Raisler (KYNG)
 - o David Rummmler (JECVO)

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of Minutes from previous meeting.
 - o Board received minutes from 20 March 2024 meeting as presented.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

- Monthly Activity Reports for March (\$908,407.20), April (\$824,360.25), and May (\$712,189.96)
- Total Available funds for granting today is \$354,062.97- Commissioner did not set a buffer for remaining funds today.

DISCUSSION

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF GRANT REQUESTS TOTALING \$176,583.33 for the following grants:

- 1. Project Healing Waters – Louisville Program (NO KY VENDOR #)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$11,000** to provide the necessary equipment for veterans in the program to participate in fly fishing in the water.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$11,000**.
 - # Initial Motion made by Juan Renaud (KDVA Designee).
 - # Motion seconded by David Best (GAB).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 2. Kentucky Wounded Heroes Inc. (KY0069298)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$28,083.33** to provide an opportunity for KY wounded veterans to travel and experience the extreme outdoors, while fellowshiping and reconnecting to nature.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$28,083.33**.
 - # Initial Motion made by Amy McGrath (At-Large).
 - # Motion seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA Designee).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 3. Heather Renee’ French Foundation for Veterans (NO KY VENDOR #)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$15,000** to provide the 2024 Military Educational Display at the KY State Fair and pay tribute to Vietnam Veterans and their families.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$15,000**.
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion seconded by David Best (GAB).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 4. Visual Presentations, Inc. (KY0061902)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$10,000** to honor our veteran community with a Veteran’s Day parade.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of up to **\$10,000**.
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA Designee).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

5. Kentucky Minuteman Relief Fund (KY0073878)

- # Request for funding in the amount of **\$50,000** to provide financial grants to KY Army and Air National Guard members experiencing periods of financial distress during national disasters.
- # The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$50,000**.
 - # Initial Motion by **David Best (GAB)**.
 - # Motion Seconded by **Juan Renaud (KDVA Designee)**.
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

6. Veterans Walking Wounded Project, Inc. (KY0072251)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$15,000** to assist veterans in the Fayette County Veteran's Drug and Treatment Court program.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$15,000**.
 - # Initial Motion made by **David Best (GAB)** to increase amount to **\$20,000**.
 - # Motion seconded by **Amy McGrath (At-Large)**
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

7. National Association for Black Veterans (KY0059441)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$22,500** to honor veterans and their families through a Veterans Day parade in Paris, KY.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$22,500**.
 - # Initial Motion made by **Juan Renaud (KDVA Designee)**.
 - # Motion seconded by **Carl Kaelin (VFW)**.
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

8. Indigent Burial - Internal

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$25,000** to provide reimbursement for costs incurred burying an indigent veteran.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$25,000**.
 - # Initial Motion made by **Carl Kaelin (VFW)**.
 - # Motion seconded by **David Best (GAB)**.
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

GRANT SUMMARY

- Total amount of Grants approved: 8 of 8.
- Total amount approved: **\$181,583.33**.

DISCUSSION

New applications for board members with American Legion and AMVETS have been submitted. There will be a replacement for Carla Raisler (KYNG). Need to pick 6 guardians for September's Honor Flight (currently have 3 tentative guardians selected).

NEXT MEETING

DATE: September 18, 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, KDVA Commissioner, Whitney Allen called to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 p.m.

Whitney P. Allen, Jr.
Chairperson