



KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND

Minutes

13 September 2023

Chairman Whitney Allen called the meeting to order at 9:00 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)
 - Dave Jarrett (DAV)
 - Tim Martinez (At-Large)
 - Carla Raisler (KYNG)
 - David Rummler (JECVO)
 - Amy McGrath (At-Large)
 - David Best (Governor's Advisory Board/GAB)

- Members Absent:
 - None

- KDVA Staff Present:
 - Dwayne Edwards, KDVA Chief of Staff
 - Tamara Reid-McIntosh, KDVA Staff Attorney (Joined at 9:10am)
 - Stephanie Belt, KDVA Budget Manager
 - Jimmy Hensley, KDVA Public Information Officer
 - Kelsey Sanders, KDVA HR Specialist

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of Minutes from previous meeting.
 - Board approved minutes from 28 June 2023 meeting as presented.
 - # Initial Motion: David Best (GAB).

- # Motion Seconded: Tim Martinez (At-Large).
- # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

- Monthly Activity Reports for FY23 – June, July & August 2023
 - o Board approved the Financial Report as presented:
- Total Available funds for granting today is \$694,307.03 – Commissioner did not set a buffer for remaining funds today.

DISCUSSION

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF GRANT REQUESTS TOTALING \$293,241 for the following grants:

- 1. Veteran's Club (NO KY VENDOR KY0063532)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$28,416** to support the expansion of their equine mentoring program in Kentucky.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$28,416** pending detailed budget submission.
 - # Initial Motion was made to table by Dave Jarrett (DAV).
 - # Motion seconded by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Dave Jarrett (DAV) withdrew the motion to table.
 - # Carl Kaelin (VFW) made motion to approve pending detail budget submission and verification of veteran status (DD214).
 - # Motion seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 2. VFW 12175 (KY0062455)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$10,871** to pave new parking lot for the Clarkson Veterans Memorial.
 - Carl Kaelin (VFW) recused himself from the vote.
 - The Board voted to deny an obligation of \$10,871
 - # Initial Motion made by Dave Jarrett (DAV).
 - # Motion seconded by David Best (GAB).
 - # Motion for denial unanimously carried.
- 3. Kentucky Wounded Heroes Inc. (KY0069298)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$33,864** to provide KY wounded vets with the opportunity to travel and heal with others who have shared experiences.
 - The Board voted to deny an obligation of **\$33,864.**

- # Initial Motion made by Juan Renaud (KDVA)
- # Motion seconded by David Best (GAB)
- # Motion for denial unanimously carried.

4. Operation Odyssey Outdoors (NO KY VENDOR #)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$10,000** to help fund camping trips for veterans in Carter County by providing food and housing.
- The Board voted to deny an obligation of **\$10,000** due to no-show presentation.
 - # Initial Motion made by Tim Martinez (At-Large).
 - # Motion seconded by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion for denial unanimously carried.

5. KY Habitat for Humanity (KS0004702)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$80,000** to support the Hammers for Heroes program to provide home repairs for KY Vets.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$90,000**.
 - # Initial Motion made by Dave Jarrett (DAV).
 - # Motion seconded by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion amended by Tim Martinez to raise to \$90,000.
 - # Motion seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

6. KY National Guard Memorial Fund, Inc. (KY0066203)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$20,090** to preserve and repair the National Guard Memorial.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$20,090**.
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion seconded by David Best (GAB).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

7. USA Cares (KY0049020)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$100,000** to provide emergency financial assistance for the Kentucky Army and Air National Guard units who experience natural disasters.
- David Best (Governor's Advisory Board/GAB) recused himself from the vote.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$50,000** pending detailed budget submission.
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - # Motion seconded by Dave Jarrett (DAV).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

8. Visual Presentations, Inc. (KY0061902)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$10,000** to honor and celebrate the veteran community with a parade event.

- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$10,000** pending detailed budget submission.
 - # Initial Motion made by Juan Renaud (KDVA).
 - # Motion seconded by David Rummmler (JECVO).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

GRANT SUMMARY

- Total amount of Grants approved: 5 of 8.
- Total amount approved: **\$198,506.**

DISCUSSION

Discussion amongst the Board focused on refining trust fund application process.

NEXT MEETING

DATE: December 13, 2023

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 Carl Kaelin and seconded by Dave Jarrett to adjourn at 1:01 p.m. Motion for adjournment was unanimously approved.



Whitney P. Allen, Jr.
Chairperson