

VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND



ANNUAL REPORT

1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021

"Serving Veterans by Funding Programs and Projects Otherwise Unfunded."

KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND FY 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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**Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund
FY 2021 Annual Report**

The Veterans Program Trust Fund was established as part of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Bonus Act on December 23, 1988 under Kentucky Revised Statute Chapter 40.460. This Report provides a list of the present members of the Board of Directors.

During this reporting period, the Trust Fund expended/obligated funds for 32 worthy projects that will benefit Kentucky's veteran population. This report details Trust Fund expenditures for FY 2021. In this fiscal year the Trust Fund Board of Directors approved more changes to the application and funding rules. Refining and expanding the FY 2019 changes have significantly improved the quality of grant proposals and the effectiveness of Trust Fund expenditures.

Funding sources include dollars generated by taxpayers who are entitled to an income tax refund who may contribute all or a portion of that refund to the Trust Fund through the tax check-off on their state income tax form. The Trust Fund also receives a \$5.00 fee that is included in the price of an initial or renewal Veterans License Plate. The Trust Fund gladly accepts tax-deductible contributions from individuals, groups or corporations. This report outlines the amounts received from each of these sources.

The Trust Fund began the year with a balance of **\$239,336.31**. Receipts totaled **\$754,654.59**.

Expenditures during the year totaled **\$429,789.32**. The fiscal year ended with a fund balance, less obligations of **\$564,201.58** as shown in the financial report on page 6. Details concerning the projects are included in the use of funds section beginning on page 5.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Whitney P. Allen".

Whitney P. Allen
Chair
Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund

Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund

History and Operation

The Kentucky General Assembly established the Veterans Program Trust Fund (VPTF) as part of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Bonus Act on December 23, 1988. The purpose of VPTF is to direct funding to projects and programs that help Kentucky's veterans but are not funded by the state General Fund.

The VPTF is overseen by a board of directors whose members are appointed by the Governor. The list of members with their affiliations is on page 10. The VPTF Board of Directors meets quarterly to review requests for funding.

The VPTF receives a steady, moderate income from a \$5.00 fee that is included in the initial purchase price and renewal of Veterans License Plates.

The VPTF is also a legal recipient of tax-deductible contributions from individuals, companies and organizations. Such contributions may be made through the VPTF check-off box on the state income tax form, or directly to the VPTF through personal checks to the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. The Help a Veteran Every Day (H.A.V.E.) Program encourages citizens to contribute directly to the Veterans Program Trust Fund at any county clerk office. In FY 2010, KDVA started hosting an on-line donation page for the VPTF, allowing individuals to make secure donations by credit card or bank withdrawal.

Kentucky's veterans service organizations have contributed generously to the VPTF since its creation and continue to do so.

Listed below are specific programs/facilities that donors may support via their contributions:

- Homeless Veterans Trust Fund
- Women Veterans Programs
- Benefits/Field Operations
- Thomson-Hood Veterans Center (Wilmore)
- Paul E. Patton Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center (Hazard)
- Joseph "Eddie" Ballard Western Kentucky Veterans Center (Hanson)
- Carl M. Brashear Radcliff Veterans Center (Radcliff)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (Hopkinsville)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (Fort Knox)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North (Williamstown)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East (Greenup)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery South East (Hyden)

Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund

Highlights for FY 2021 (7/1/20 - 6/30/21)

This fiscal year, the Trust Fund board members approved expenditures on 32 worthy programs. Here are some of those programs.

1. Help purchase a van for Pennyroyal Veterans Center to drive veterans to and from medical appointments. **\$15,000**
2. Help sponsor an all-Women-Veterans Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. **\$25,000**
3. Help support the Homeless Veterans Fund emergency funding to prevent veterans from becoming homeless. **\$60,000**
4. Help 10 veterans receive Save a Warrior training for veterans with PTSD and other mental health problems. **\$17,500**
5. Help Habitat for Humanity repair 10 veterans homes. **\$40,000**
6. Help Awake Ministries maintain its Tiny Home Village for veterans in Shelbyville. **\$35,000**
7. Provide burial honors and dignified interment for deceased indigent veterans. **\$40,000**
8. Support Honor Flight Kentucky's WWII B-25 barnstorming tour. **\$17,000**

Find more projects beginning on Page 11.

Family, friends and supporters surrounded a dozen World War II veterans who would be flying in a genuine B-25 around Frankfort as part of Honor Flight Kentucky's Barnstorming Tour



Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund Financial Report	
Summary Fund Activity Report - Fiscal Year 2021 (1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021)	
FINAL	
Carryforward/Beginning Balance 6307 and 6308	\$ 239,336.31
Receipts	
Veteran's Plate Sales (R404)	\$ 555,800.05
Donations from Taxes (R809)	\$ 21,796.00
Miscellaneous Donations (R801 & R802)	\$ 169,917.43
Temporary Deposit for Homeless Veterans Walk (R834)	\$ 5,129.09
Refund of Prior Year Expenditure (R881)	\$ 2,102.18
Interest Income (R771)	\$ (90.16)
Total Receipts:	\$ 754,654.59
Total Source of Funds 6307 & 6308	\$ 993,990.90
Expenditures	
Audits (E142)	\$ 12,600.00
<i>Program Grants (E399)</i>	
HONOR FLIGHT BLUEGRASS/BOWMAN FIELD	\$ 15,000.00
KENTUCKY VETERANS DAY PARADE	\$ 7,500.00
AWAKE MINISTRIES	\$ 15,000.00
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK OF KENTUCKY INC	\$ 23,225.00
INDIGENT VETERANS BURIAL PROGRAM	\$ 30,000.00
American Legion Post #63	\$ 3,000.00
Eastern Kentucky University	\$ 6,197.04
Pennyroyal Veterans Center	\$ 15,000.00
Save A Warrior	\$ 17,500.00
Shelby County Fiscal Court	\$ 2,000.00
VALORR (Veterans at Lexmark)	\$ 10,500.00
REFUND - HONOR FLIGHT BLUEGRASS (WW11 B-25 BOMBER MISSION)	\$ (1,861.81)
KENTUCKY VETERANS HALL OF FAME	\$ 15,000.00
Kentucky Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	\$ 40,000.00
Woody Williams Foundation	\$ 35,000.00
American Post #18	\$ 12,000.00
Honor Flight Bluegrass	\$ 17,000.00
Awake Ministries	\$ 30,000.00
<i>Program Grants (T463)</i>	
INDIGENT VETERANS BURIAL TRUST FUND	\$ 10,000.00
HOMELESS VETERANS TRUST FUND	\$ 50,000.00
HOMELESS VETERANS TRUST FUND WALK	\$ 5,129.09
HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM	\$ 60,000.00
Total Expenditures:	\$ 429,789.32
Fund Balance (Cash on Hand) 6307 & 6308	\$ 564,201.58

\$State Veterans Cemeteries FY21		
Cemeteries Fund (637R)		
Fund Balance, Beginning of FY21	\$	\$ 201,855.92
Carryforward		
Additional Donations (R802)	\$	\$ 74,597.60
Other Adjustments (R809)	\$	\$ 0
Interest (R771)	\$	\$ (\$25.69)
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS + Carryover	\$	\$ 276,427.83
Expenditures	\$	\$ (46,221.37)
Ending Balance, Ending of FY21	\$	\$ 230,206.46

HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM



The Homeless Veterans Program had a fantastic year in FY21 despite the pandemic and the Healthy at Home mandate to work remotely.

The Program received many generous donations from collaborating agencies. American Legion Auxiliary Post 8 in Lexington had a month-long food drive and donated a pickup truck load of food. What a difference it made to the veterans and families that received these meals during the holiday season.

The KDVA Homeless program received a second round of American Legion donations. "Can with a Plan" was so successful because the tins contained essential hygiene items, handmade hats, socks, and treats. The handy cans were shared with Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program and given directly to the homeless.

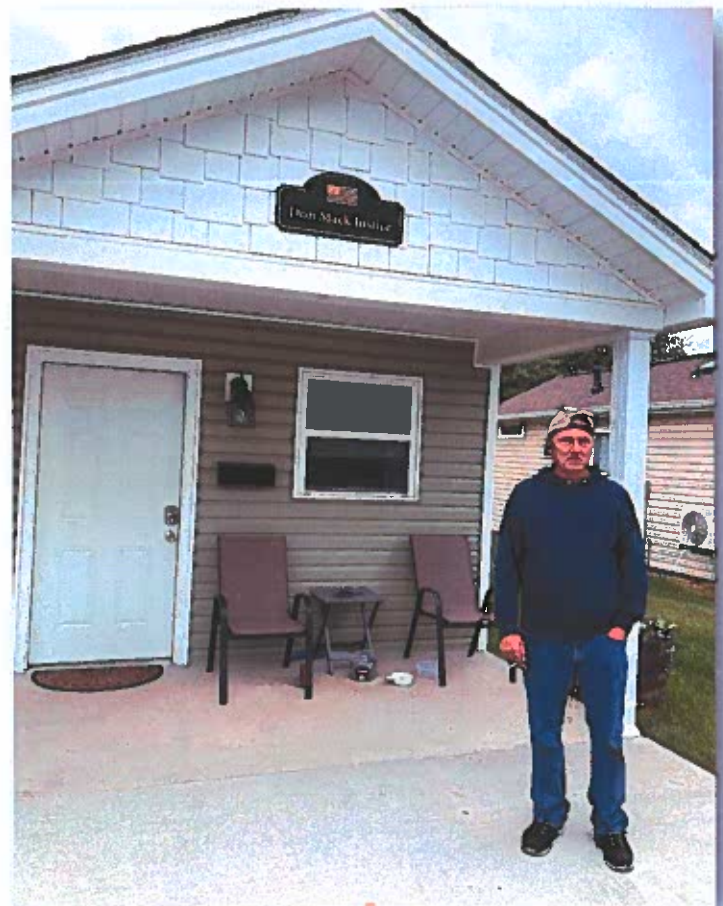
Morehead State University put out the word on campus and community wide to help the homeless. The items collected included much needed hygiene products specific for men or women, socks, masks, lots of canned food and snacks along with SPF lotion, lip balm and sunglasses. Rowan Co Area HVRP program received food for immediate distribution to homeless veterans. Many of the hygiene products were shared during a homeless veteran stand down in May.

Eastern Kentucky University organized a homeless veteran drive and provided 168 nylon string backpacks with socks, masks, toothbrushes and other hygiene items along with snacks and power aide drinks and 50 one-gallon bags of food. The packs were not only colorful but waterproof as well.

Coldwell Banker McMahan made very generous financial donations and as a special treat they hand-wrote over 500 cards with well wishes and thank you notes for veterans. These were enjoyed by the residents of KDVA's four long-term care centers.

Awake Ministries dedicated the Tiny Home Village (photo to right) in Shelbyville on June 1, 2021. The Village consist of tiny homes and a community center for the veterans who can call this place home for up to one year.

Marine Veteran David Ross (right) moved into this tiny house last fall. A recovering addict, he is moving into permanent housing in Shelbyville, and has a permanent full-time job.



HOMELESS VETERANS TRUST FUND

The Homeless Veteran Trust Fund is not limited to helping veterans obtain emergency housing. The Trust Fund also provides emergency financial assistance to veterans in danger of losing their homes. Veterans can obtain the assistance once in a lifetime for up to \$350 to pay utilities (electric, gas, or water) or past-due rent.

The Homeless Veterans Trust Fund helped 318 veterans. These grants worked in conjunction with other state and federal initiatives to aid during the pandemic and shut downs. .

FY 21 MILESTONES

Total Assistance Paid Out	\$101,848.28
Average Amount Per Veteran	\$320.27
Veterans Assisted with Housing	158
Veterans Assisted with Utilities	127
Veterans Given Emergency Shelter	<u>33</u>
Total Veterans Assisted	318

**Homeless Veterans Trust Fund
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DEMOGRAPHICS:

- Army = 68%
- Navy = 15%
- USMC = 9%
- Air Force = 8%

68% = Caucasian / White
 32% = African American/
 Black/Bi-racial/Hispanic/
 Latino/ American Indian
 Pacific Islander.

- 83% = Male Veterans
- 17% = Female Veterans

Average Age = 54

FY21 Beginning Balance	\$	23,889.00
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REVENUE	
VPTF Transfers	\$ 115,129.09
Donations	\$ 6,870.29
Interest	\$ (7.23)
TOTAL REV	\$ 121,992.15

EXPENDITURES	
Gas	\$ (1,409.06)
Electric	\$ (26,844.06)
Water/Sewer	\$ (6,707.82)
Rent/Temporary Shelter	\$ (66,537.34)
Other	\$ (350.00)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ (101,848.28)

FY21 Ending Balance	\$	44,032.87
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Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Program Trust Fund Board Members
(as of June 30, 2021)

NAME	ORGANIZATION	TERM
Keith Jackson	KDVA	As Commissioner
Whitney Allen	KDVA	As Deputy
Col. Fred Bates	National Guard	Ex-Officio
Vacant	American Legion	July 15, 2019
David Clark Rummler	JECVO	July 16, 2020
Carla Ann Raiser	At-Large	July 15, 2020
Richard Eisert	GAB	July 16, 2020
Terrance Noel	AMVETS	July 15, 2020
David Jarrett	DAV	July 15, 2019
Shontelle Adams	At-Large	July 16, 2020
Carl Joseph Kaelin	VFW	July 15, 2020

Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors September 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes Excerpts

The following requests for funds were presented:

Veterans Club

Funding for Camp Restoration Project in Louisville: tiny home community for homeless veterans.

Board voted to approve **\$24,000**.

Honor Flight Kentucky

Funding for all-women-veterans Honor Flight.

Board voted to approve **\$25,000**.

Awake Ministries

Purchase used van for Veterans Village in Shelbyville.

Board voted to approve **\$15,000**.

Indigent Veterans Burial Program

Provide burial honors for deceased indigent veterans.

Board voted to approve **\$10,000**.

2020 Kentucky Veterans Parade

Funding for Production.

Board voted to approve **\$7,500**.

Veterans Memorial Park

Funding for three life-size statues: female soldier, combat dog and male soldier with memorial cross.

Board voted to approve **\$23,225**.

Homeless Veterans Trust Fund

Support emergency funding program to keep veterans from becoming homeless.

Board voted to approve **\$50,000**.

Active Heroes

Install utilities in two donated mobile homes at the Veteran Retreat Center.

Board voted to approve **\$10,000**.

Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors December 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes Excerpts

The following requests for funds were presented:

Indigent Veterans Burial Program

Provide military honors and dignified interment for indigent veterans.

Board voted to approve **\$30,000**.

Honor Flight Kentucky

Funding for all-women-veterans flight on June 12, 2021.

Board voted to approve **\$42,000**.

Save a Warrior

Sponsor 10 veterans for SAW training to cope with PTSD and other mental health concerns.

Board voted to approve **\$17,500**.

American Legion Post #18

Purchase a bus/van for transporting military honors guard.

Board voted to approve **\$12,000**.

Pennyroyal Veterans Center

Purchase van to transport veterans to and from medical appointments.

Board voted to approve **\$15,000**.

VALORR

Purchase phone charging stations for Lexington and Louisville VAMC and the Lady Veterans Connect homeless shelter in Winchester.

Board voted to approve **\$10,500**.

Eastern Kentucky University

Thirty-two day lockers for the VETS center for veteran commuter students.

Board voted to approve **\$6,197.04**.

American Legion Post 63 Honor Guard

Purchase replacement and new sets of Honor Guard uniforms.

Board voted to approve **\$3,000**.

Shelby County Fiscal Court

Purchase POW/MIA Missing Man chair accessories.

Board voted to approve **\$2,000**.

Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors March 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes Excerpts

The following requests for funds were presented:

Woody Williams Foundation

Support Operation Gold Star Kentucky, including monument at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North and educational kiosks.

Board voted to approved **\$35,000**.

Kentucky Habitat for Humanity

Home repairs for 10 veterans.

Board voted to approve **\$40,000**.

Homeless Veterans Program

Funding for emergency funds to help veterans and their families avoid homelessness.

Board voted to approve **\$60,000**.

Veterans Hall of Fame

Support induction of 2020 and 2021 classes and install memorials.

Board voted to approve **\$15,000**.

Honor Flight Bluegrass

Funding to support WWII B-25 Bomber barnstorming tour.

Board voted to approve **\$17,000**.

American Legion Post #79

Establish a veterans resource center.

Board voted to approve **\$6,000**.

Spirit of Sophia

Sponsor scholarships for women veterans to attend a retreat.

Board voted to approve **\$5,000**.

Morehead State University Military Initiatives Program

Assist veterans and military students with books, parking passes and supplies.

Board voted to approve **\$5,000**.

Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors June 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes Excerpts

The following requests for funds were presented:

Operation Honor Corp

Develop Veterans Training and Discipleship Center.
Board voted to approve **\$50,000**.

Office of Kentucky Veterans Center

Support Kentucky Veterans Centers Songwriting Project.
Board voted to approve **\$35,000**.

National Association for Black Veterans Kentucky

Support Veterans Experience Action Center at Week of Valor events.
Board voted to approve **\$35,000**.

Awake Ministries

Sustain Veterans Village Project Community Center.
Board voted to approve **\$30,000**.

Bowman Field Foundation

Funding for 2021 Festival at Bowman Field.
Board voted to approve **\$15,000**.

Kentucky Veterans Day Parade

Production cost of parade and related events.
Board voted to approve **\$10,000**.

Veterans Club Inc.

Purchase parts, tools and equipment for Operation Jeep Build Program.
Board voted to approve **\$1,000**.

KENTUCKY VETERANS

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