



KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND

Minutes

14 September 2022

Chairman Whitney Allen called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. This meeting was conducted via a hybrid Zoom videoconference and in-person meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Roll Call

- Members Present:
 - Chairperson Whitney Allen (KDVA), Dwayne Edwards (KDVA), Carl Kaelin (VFW), Rick Eisert (Governor's Advisory Board), COL Fred Bates (KYNG), Dave Jarrett (DAV), Tim Martinez (AL)- (joined at 925am however left before first presentation of funding request), Carla Raisler (At-Large), David Rummler (JECVO).
- Members Absent:
 - None. All members of the Board were present, except vacant seats.
- KDVA Additional Staff Present:
 - Dwayne Edwards, Tamara Reid-McIntosh, and Stephanie Belt.
- The majority of voting members were present to satisfy a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes from previous meeting.
 - Board approved minutes from 22 June 2022 meeting as presented (motion made by Dave Jarrett (DAV) and seconded by David Rummler (JECVO); motion for approval unanimously carried).

Approval of Financial Report

- Monthly Activity Reports for FY22 Final, as well as June, July, and August 2022
 - Board approved the Financial Report as presented (motion made by COL Fred Bates (KYNG) and seconded by David Rummler (JECVO); motion for approval unanimously carried).

Discussion

- Deputy Commissioner Lynice Noel is no longer with KDVA and is no longer on the Veterans Program Trust Fund Board.
- Terrance Noel has left the Veterans Program Trust Fund.
- Per Tamara Reid-McIntosh, explanation of two applications due to timing of events and timing of Trust Fund meetings (in order to allow both applications to be considered for funding prior to the events).
- FY22 Audit has been performed by the Auditor of Public Account, final report states no deficiencies, no weaknesses identified and no instances of non-compliance. Invoice will follow in the next few weeks for an email board vote to make payment.

New Business: Review of Grant Requests Totaling: \$134,160

1. **Veterans Rural Outreach, Inc. KY (No KY Vendor #)**
 - Request for funding to make improvements to 6 homes to serve the homeless veteran population in Shelby County. Needs for improvement include, but not limited to: outdoor improvements, technology, communications, and community engagement. - **\$29,345**. The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$29,345**. Motion made by David Rummler (JECVO) and seconded by Carl Kaelin (VFW); motion for approval unanimously carried).
2. **POW/MIA Flag Guard (KY0066309)**
 - Request for funding to honor an MIA soldier by building a granite bench with a bronze plaque. - **\$1,840**. The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$2,140 with a stipulation that these funds should not reimburse this organization for any prior activity; however, the additional funds can be used for future veteran related activity**. Motion made by COL Fred Bates (KYNG) and seconded by Dave Jarrett (DAV); motion for approval unanimously carried).
3. **Pike County Memorial VFW Post 3769 (KY0062756)**
 - Request for funding to assist with the M5 Anti-Tank Gun from Bowling Green and set up the M5 at Pikeville Veterans Memorial Park to meet the TACOM's Static Display requirements. - **\$6,400**. The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$6,400**. Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW) and seconded by David Rummler (JECVO) motion for approval unanimously carried).
4. **Visual Presentations Inc. (KY0061902)**
 - Request for funding for the Kentucky Veterans Day Parade will take place to honor and celebrate the veteran community. - **\$10,000**. The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$10,000**. Motion made by David Rummler (JECVO) and seconded by Rick Eisert (Governor's Advisory Board); motion for approval unanimously carried.
5. **Blue Grass Community Foundation (KY003761)**
 - Request for funding to provide educational resources at Splash-a public water feature located in Charles Young Park. - **\$50,000**. The Blue Grass Community Foundation representative(s) did not attend the meeting to present on their request; therefore, the Board did not consider the application at this time. The application is tabled until December 14, 2022.
6. **Morehead State Military Initiative Program (KY0032840- add address in system)**
 - Request for funding to assist military related students and local veterans. - **\$10,500**. The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$8,000 with a**

stipulation that this funding was awarded solely for assistance for Morehead students who are Kentucky veterans. Motion made by Carla Raisler (At-Large) and seconded by Carl Kaelin (VFW); motion for approval unanimously carried.

7. Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc (KY0035993)

- Request for funding to provide 'Welcome Home Packages' to homeless veterans when they transition from homelessness to residences - **\$20,000**. The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$10,000**. Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW) and seconded by Dave Jarrett (DAV); motion for approval unanimously carried.

8. Kentucky Wounded Heroes, Inc (no KY vendor number)

- Request for funding to a KY deer hunting opportunity for 27 KY veterans to share experiences, facilitate healing, and build lasting friendships **\$6,075**. The Board voted to suspend the request to receive a breakdown of the \$225 per veteran cost allocation. The organization has been given 7 days to respond to allow the Board to have an electronic vote. Motion made by COL Fred Bates (KYNG) and seconded by David Rummier (JECVO); motion for approval unanimously carried.

Grant summary:

- Total amount of Grants approved: 6 of 8 (1 suspended for 7 days and will be reflected in the December agenda & meeting minutes)
- Total amount approved: **\$65,885.00**

Discussion:

- Variety of selected applicants/grant recipients.
- Recognition of Veterans Program Trust fund (noting emblem on award letters.
- The KDVA Run, Walk and Stroll is scheduled for 22 October at Iroquois Park in Louisville KY.

Next Meeting

DATE: December 14, 2022

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 Dave Jarrett (DAV) and seconded by David Rummier (JECVO); to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Motion for adjournment was unanimously approved.


Whitney P. Allen, Jr.
Chairperson

