

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS REPORT ON THE COLORADO STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS TRUST FUND FOR FY 10-11

Subject: Colorado State Veterans Trust Fund

Requirement: Pursuant to §25-1-108.5 (2), C.R.S. as amended, the following report is provided for State Fiscal Year 10-11 covering the period from July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011.

Statutory Issues Affecting the Future of the Veterans Trust Fund:

There were no Special Bills passed that affected our program's MSA funds.

Funds Received: The Veterans Trust Fund (VTF) received a Long Bill appropriation of \$1,082,784 at the beginning of FY 10-11. The appropriation for FY11-12 is \$865,298. The Division of Veterans Affairs was authorized to expend \$54,139 (5% of the funds) for administration of the grant; however the actual expenditures were \$26,616 (2.5%) for administration. The Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado expended \$62,222 for construction of much needed columbaria. Of the \$954,771 of trust fund monies provided for grants, \$887,851 was expended. By the end of the fiscal year \$976,689 was disbursed by the fund.

Program Description (with eligible population): The Colorado State Veterans Trust Fund is designed with the primary goal of assisting all eligible veterans residing in the State of Colorado regardless of race, color, national origin, religion and sexual preference, marital or religious status by providing funds for the following purposes:

- State Veteran's Nursing Homes for capital improvements and needed amenities.
- Costs incurred by the legislative oversight committee and veterans nursing home commission to evaluate quality of care provided at certain state veterans nursing homes.
- Operation and maintenance of existing or future State Veterans Cemeteries.
- Costs incurred by the Division of Veterans Affairs.
- Non-profit Veterans Service Organizations to assist homeless veterans and their families, providing veteran transportation to and from Veteran Medical Centers and Doctor's appointments; stand-downs; veterans forums, and programs to assist the veteran in employment or job related services.

Population Served: The actual number of veterans in the State of Colorado is unknown since all veterans are not registered with the Veterans Administration, however the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics demographic analysis of the veteran population for the State of Colorado estimates that as of 30 September 2010 there were approximately 421,300 veterans living in the State of Colorado. Obviously, not all of them require assistance. Those that do require assistance include nursing home residents, homeless, indigent veterans, combat disabled veterans, invalids, under-employed and the unemployed. A breakdown of the actual number served through the grant process is provided in subsequent paragraphs and the enclosure to this report.

Services Provided: Of the \$1,082,784 available the following represents a breakdown by category of agencies that received funding, grants or awards during the reporting period, to include the type of service and/or assistance provided.

Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado - \$62,222 of the funds were expended by the cemetery for construction of columbaria.

State Veterans Nursing Homes (SVNH) –

Aurora (Fitzsimons) - \$8,603.93 Phones, Flat Panel LCD TVs

Homelake - \$6,856.00 Raised planter garden for disabled veterans

Non-Profit Veterans Service Organizations – these organizations were awarded \$593,725 in grant funds to support veterans and their needs. A breakout by organization with the purpose and amounts provided to and expended by each grantee with number of veterans served is provided as enclosure #1 to this report.

Administration - Administrative costs of \$26,616 include grant management, some Board of Veterans Affairs travel and travel for grantee site visits/inspections.

Program Effectiveness: This was the ninth year that the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs administered the Colorado State Veteran's Trust Fund. The trust fund is operating effectively. It is achieving its designed purpose. On-site visits continue to be conducted by the grant administrator, members of the board and staff members. Success is evidenced by a strong marketing program and by the number of veterans directly served. Shown here by Fiscal Year and Number of Veterans Served:

Fiscal Year	Veterans Served
02-03	1,514
03-04	2,704
04-05	3,517
05-06	7,045
06-07	11,058
07-08	7,717
08-09	10,116
09-10	10,645
10-11	9,776

Evaluations: Grantees are evaluated by on-site visits and/or inspections, quarterly reports and the submission of receipts and/or canceled checks submitted by the grantees. A final year end report is also required from the grantees.

Closing: Over the past nine years the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs, through the Colorado Veterans Trust Fund, have provided direct benefits ranging from bus passes, food cards, work clothes, rent assistance, utility assistance and transportation to Veterans Affairs medical facilities to 64,092 Veterans in the State.

Areas for Development and additional goals: The primary areas for development in future years consist of four primary areas:

- Outreach to all Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) in the state especially in rural areas to provide the broadest network of VSOs for disbursement of funds throughout the state.
- Work with VSOs to develop a self-sustaining program at the roots level.
- Work at the state and national level through Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to provide additional funding to support the Colorado state Veterans Trust Fund.
- Emphasize support of female veterans' issues to help rectify the imbalance in services provided to the male and female veterans' populations.

Enclosure #1

Organization	Purpose	Grant	Grant	Veterans
		Amount	Disbursed	Served
VFW Post 899, Alamosa	Trans Program	\$27,222.00	\$27,078.00	1304
Am Leg Post 108, Pagosa Springs	Trans Program & Vet Assistance	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	110
VFW Post 3621, Lamar	Veh Purchase & Trans Program	\$30,700.00	\$30,700.00	534
Am Leg Post 66, Akron	Trans Prgrm	\$7,000.00	\$4,884.65	104
Am Leg Post 109, Windsor	Standdown & Vet Assistance	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	210
PVA Mt. States Chapter, Aurora	WheelChair Games CO Conv Ctr	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	600
DAV Chapter 48, Durango	Trans Prgm & Vet Assistance	\$30,000.00	\$29,920.35	217
Am Leg Post 103, Littleton	Vet & Job Assistance	\$20,000.00	\$14,821.69	27
VFW Post 4051, Colorado Springs	Support Homeless Shelter	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	105
Am Leg Post 1992, Aurora	Vet Assistance and Employment	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00	53
Am Leg Post 113, Alamosa	Trans Program	\$2,390.00	\$2,390.00	100
Am Leg Post 170, Westcliffe	Trans Prgm & Vet Assistance	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	186
DAV Chapter 44, Cortez	Trans Prgrm & Vet Assistance	\$36,500.00	\$35,979.40	493
Am Leg Post 44, Steamboat	Trans Program & Vet Assistance	\$4,600.00	\$3,269.93	44
Am Leg Post 22, Northglenn	Vet Assistance and Employment	\$24,800.00	\$11,140.79	380
NABVETS Chapter 24, Denver	Trans Prgm & Vet Assistance	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	163
VFW Dept of CO, Lakewood	Vet Services	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	71
Am Leg Post 203, Pueblo	Standdown & Vet Assistance	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	58
VFW Post 4265, Craig	Trans Prgm & Vet Assistance	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	147
Am Leg Post 1, Denver	Job & Vet Assistance	\$20,000.00	\$12,394.36	80
VFW Post 9374, Kremmling	Trans Program	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	13
VFW Post 1247, Grnd Junction	Standdown Job & Vet Assistance	\$18,650.00	\$17,360.71	205
VFW Post 5241, Cortez	Trans Prgm & Vet Assistance	\$6,000.00	\$5,985.09	74
VFW Post 4663, Clifton	Pets for Vets	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	20
INABVETS Chap 34 Colo Spgs	Trans & Vet Assistance	\$10,000.00	\$4,250.00	381
Am Leg Post 29, Denver	Work Assist Trans to Jobs	\$8,000.00	\$2,852.75	74
DAV Region, Denver	Homeless Standdown & Vet Assist	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	491
VFW Post 1, Denver	Vet Assistance	\$115,640.00	\$115,640.00	590
Am Leg Post 2, Pueblo	Trans Program & Vet Assist	\$14,000.00	\$13,083.19	1218
VFW Post 41, Loveland	Job & Vet Assistance	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	220
SVNH, Aurora (Fitz)	IPhones, Flat Panel LCD TVs	\$9,555.00	\$8,603.93	150
SVNH, Homelake	Raised Planter Garden	\$6,856.00	\$6,856.00	76
VVA Chap 57, Grand Junction	Stand-down & Vet Assistance	\$13,150.00	\$10,993.91	391
VFW Post 5843, Meeker	Trans Prgm & Vet Assistance	\$3,208.00	\$3,208.00	9
Am Leg Post 1, Denver	Colorado Am Leg Adventures	\$10,000.00	\$4,964.48	93
Am Leg Dept of Colorado	Computer Mnt and Vet Assist	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	242
VFW Post 4171, Golden	Homeless & Incarcerated Prgm	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	264
Am Leg Dept of Colorado	Female Transitional Housing	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	6
Am Leg Post 209, Colo Spgs	Vet Assistance and Standdown	\$40,000.00	\$23,722.85	273
		\$954,771.00	\$886,600.08	9776