

**DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS REPORT ON THE COLORADO
STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS TRUST FUND FOR FY 11-12**

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, 2011 - June 30, 2012.

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 \$861,789 at the beginning of FY 11-12. The appropriation for FY12-13 is \$982,957. The Division of Veterans Affairs was authorized to expend \$40,589 (5% of the funds) for administration of the grant; however the actual expenditures were \$32,582(4.1%) for administration. Fitzsimons State Veterans Nursing Homes expended \$5674 for exercise equipment based on a request submitted by the Director of the State and Veterans Nursing Homes. Of the \$808,280 of trust fund monies provided for grants, \$765,088 was expended.

Program Description (with eligible population): The Colorado State Veterans Trust Fund is designed with the overall goal of assisting all veterans in need of assistance residing in the State of Colorado regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sexual preference, marital or religious status. The key goals of the program are to provide sufficient support and funding to meet the needs of veterans in the four areas defined below:

- State Veteran's Nursing Homes for capital improvements or needed amenities for existing or future state veterans nursing homes.
- Operation and maintenance of existing or future State Veterans Cemeteries.
- Costs incurred by the Division of Veterans Affairs.
- Veterans programs operated by nonprofit veterans' organizations that meet criteria adopted by the board and that are selected by the Board as grant recipients.

Non-Profit Criteria:

Nonprofit veterans' organizations: Nonprofit veteran's organizations must be an organization nationally recognized by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as an organization that can provide services to veterans under Title 38, USC.

Program Criteria: The Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs (BVA) criteria for veterans programs operated by nonprofit veteran's organizations located within the State of Colorado are programs that provide assistance to the needs of veterans for their health and well being. Examples of such programs are operation of homeless shelters, assistance to homeless and incarcerated veterans, homeless veteran's stand-downs, veteran's transportation programs to medical centers and/or clinics, veteran's employment training programs and job related services.

Eligible Population: Veterans, no income eligibility requirements

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 \$861,789 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.

State Veterans Nursing Homes (SVNH) –

\$31,480 was provided in a grant to the Florence SVNH for an Enhanced Bathing Program

\$5,674 based on a letter request went to purchase a SCIFIT PRO2 Inclusive Fitness Total Body Exerciser for Fitzsimons SVNH

Non-Profit Veterans Service Organizations – these organizations were awarded \$802,240 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 \$32,582 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 |
| 11-12 | 10,422 |

Evaluations: Grantees are evaluated primarily through oversight of their execution of the grant which includes review of quarterly reports and analysis of submitted receipts and/or canceled checks. In addition, on-site visits and/or inspections are used as to further define appropriate expenditure of funds. A final year end report is required from the grantees.

Areas for Development and additional goals: The primary areas for development in futures 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.

In Closing: Over the past ten 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 74,514 Veterans in the State.

Enclosure #1

| Organization | Purpose | Grant Amount | Amount Disbursed | Veterans Served |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| VFW Post 898, Alamosa | Vehicle Purchase & Trans Program | \$44,000.00 | \$44,000.00 | 1139 |
| VFW Post 3821, Lamar | Trans Program | \$12,500.00 | \$12,500.00 | 428 |
| Am Leg Post 108, Pagosa Springs | Trans Prog, Vet Assiat, & Vehicle | \$50,000.00 | \$50,000.00 | 485 |
| Am Leg Post 109, Windsor | Standdown & Vet Assistance | \$30,000.00 | \$28,988.92 | 119 |
| DAV Chapter 48, Durango | Trans Prgm & Vet Assistance | \$25,000.00 | \$25,000.00 | 693 |
| VFW Post 8374, Kremmling | Trans Program | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | 25 |
| Am Leg Post 44, Steamboat Spgs | Trans Program & Vet Assistance | \$3,500.00 | \$3,500.00 | 60 |
| NABVETS Chapter 24, Denver | Trans Prgm & Vet Assistance | \$18,000.00 | \$18,000.00 | 116 |
| VFW Post 4863, Clifton | Pets for Vets | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | 25 |
| VFW Dept of CO, Lakewood | Vet Assistance | \$25,000.00 | \$25,000.00 | 66 |
| VFW Post 6241, Cortez | Trans Prgm & Vet Assistance | \$6,000.00 | \$5,998.95 | 90 |
| VFW Post 8881, Conifer | Trans Program | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | 150 |
| DAV Chapter 44, Cortez | Trans Prgm & Vet Assistance | \$31,500.00 | \$31,500.00 | 604 |
| Am Leg Post 1992, Aurora | Vet Assistance and Employment | \$16,000.00 | \$10,060.79 | 21 |
| SVNH Florence | Enhanced Bathing Program | \$31,480.00 | \$31,480.00 | NA |
| DAV Region, Denver | Homeless Standdown & Vet Assist | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | 460 |
| VVA Chap 67, Grand Junction | Stand-down & Vet Assistance | \$12,000.00 | \$8,399.53 | 320 |
| VFW Post 4266, Craig | Vehicle - Trans Prog - Vet Assist | \$32,000.00 | \$32,000.00 | 292 |
| Am Leg Post 18, Greeley | Veterans Assistance | \$10,000.00 | \$8,469.77 | 20 |
| Am Leg Post 113, Alamosa | Trans Program | \$2,390.00 | \$2,379.00 | 130 |
| Am Leg Post 32, Longmont | Stand-down & Vet Assistance | \$18,000.00 | \$10,950.57 | 53 |
| Am Leg Post 170, Westcliffe | Trans Prgm & Vet Assistance | \$35,000.00 | \$35,000.00 | 250 |
| NABVETS Chap 34 Colo Spgs | Veterans Assistance | \$4,000.00 | \$500.50 | 81 |
| VFW Post 101, Colorado Springs | Support Homeless Shelter | \$55,000.00 | \$55,000.00 | 93 |
| Am Leg Post 203, Pueblo | Standdown & Veteran Assistance | \$11,000.00 | \$10,955.15 | 93 |
| Am Leg Post 103, Littleton | Veteran Assistance | \$18,000.00 | \$17,974.04 | 44 |
| Am Leg Post 66, Akron | Transportation Program | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | 126 |
| VFW Post 1247, Grand Junction | Standdown Job & Vet Assistance | \$16,000.00 | \$12,012.98 | 135 |
| Am Leg Post 28, Denver | Work Assistance & Vet Assistance | \$6,000.00 | \$5,766.60 | 200 |
| Am Leg Post 1, Denver | Vet Assistance (2 of 2) | \$10,000.00 | \$9,992.28 | 70 |
| VFW Post 1, Denver | Vet Assistance (1 of 6) | \$84,000.00 | \$83,413.66 | 987 |
| VFW Post 41, Loveland | Job and Veterans Assistance | \$40,000.00 | \$40,000.00 | 531 |
| Am Leg Dept of CO, Denver (1of2) | Veteran Assistance & Computer | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | 107 |
| VFW Post 6843, Meeker | Vet Assist and Trans Program | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | 22 |
| VFW Post 2481, Denver | Veterans Assistance | \$10,000.00 | \$5,477.00 | 100 |
| Am Leg Post 111, Louisville | Veterans Helping Veterans Now | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | 77 |
| Am Leg Post 26, Florence | Vet Assist and Trans Program | \$6,000.00 | \$5,978.83 | 55 |
| VFW Post 4171, Golden | Veterans Assistance | \$20,000.00 | \$19,929.11 | 146 |
| Am Leg Post 22, Northglenn | Job and Veterans Assistance | \$20,000.00 | \$18,523.27 | 189 |
| Am Leg Post 16, Loveland | Veterans Assistance (2 of 2) | \$1,370.00 | \$0.00 | 6 |
| VFW Post 1, Denver | DU Legal Assistance (2of6) | \$1,500.00 | \$250.00 | 1712* |
| VFW Post 1, Denver | 4th Quarter Vet Assist (6of6) | \$5,000.00 | \$4,988.00 | 178 |
| American Legion Post 2, Pueblo | Vehicle, Transportation, Vet Assist | \$29,000.00 | \$28,995.99 | 1486 |
| TREA Chapter 1, Colorado Springs | Standdown & Veterans Assistance | \$30,000.00 | \$22,418.85 | 150 |
| | | \$802,240.00 | \$759,413.79 | 10422 |