

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS REPORT ON THE COLORADO STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS TRUST FUND FOR FY 12-13

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 12-13 covering the period from July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013.

Statutory Issues Affecting the Future of the Veterans Trust Fund:

Currently there are no statutory issues affecting the future of the Trust Fund.

Funds Received: The Veterans Trust Fund (VTF) received a Long Bill appropriation of \$932,957 at the beginning of FY 12-13. The appropriation for FY 13-14 is \$843,938. The Division of Veterans Affairs was authorized to expend \$46,648 (5% of the funds) for administration of the grant; however the actual expenditures were \$27,767 (2.9%) for administration. Of the \$892,893 of trust fund monies provided for grants, \$867,808 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 2011 there were approximately 400,186 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 \$932,957 available \$895,588 was expended. 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.

Non-Profit Veterans Service Organizations and State Veterans Nursing Homes – these organizations expended \$867,821 in grant funds to support veterans and their needs. Homelake State Veterans Nursing Home (SVNH) expended \$10,860 for IN2L therapy hardware/software, Florence SNVH expended \$18,134 for IN2L therapy hardware/software and bingo hardware/software, Fitzsimons SVNH expended \$14,061 for Kinesis Omega Duo therapy hardware/software, and Rifle SVNH expended \$9,202 for Hi-Lo beds based on a request submitted by the director of the state veterans’ nursing homes. A breakout by veterans service 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 \$27,767 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
12-13	12,158

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 eleven 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 86,672 Veterans in the State.

Enclosure #1 (List of Grantees for FY12-13)

Organization	Purpose	Grant Amount	Amount Disbursed	Vets Assisted # Instances
VFW Post 899, Alamosa	Trans Program and Vet Assistance	\$25,038.00	\$25,038.00	1233
American Legion Post 2, Pueblo	Trans Program and Vet Assistance	\$18,000.00	\$15,756.00	1465
VFW Post 3621, Lamar	Trans Program & Vet Assistance	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	311
DAV Chapter 48, Durango	Trans Program & Vet Assistance	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	1008
DAV Chapter 44, Cortez	Trans Program & Vet Assistance	\$36,500.00	\$36,500.00	656
VFW Post 5231, Mancos	Trans Program & Vet Assistance	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	43
VFW Post 8661, Conifer	Trans Program & Vet Assistance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	26
NABVETS Chapter 24, Denver	Endowment, Trans Prog & Vet Assist	\$25,000.00	\$18,650.00	377
Am Leg Post 25, Florence	Vet Assist and Trans Program	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	165
VFW Post 5181, Dove Creek	Transportation & Vet Assistance	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0
Am Leg Post 103, Littleton	Transportation & Vet Assistance	\$20,000.00	\$19,255.51	45
Am Leg Post 108, Pagosa Springs	Transportation & Vet Assistance	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00	715
Am Leg Post 170, Westcliffe	Trans Prgm & Vet Assistance	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	327
VFW Post 4171, Golden	Transportation & Vet Assistance	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	72
Am Leg Post 44, Steamboat	Trans Program & Vet Assistance	\$4,300.00	\$4,240.57	72
Am Leg Post 115, Rye	Trans Program & Vet Assistance	\$5,000.00	\$1,845.28	13
VFW Dept of Colorado, Lakewood	Veterans Assistance	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	120
Am Leg Post 22, Northglenn	Veterans Assistance	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	111
VFW Post 1247, Grand Junction	Veterans Assistance (1of2)	\$21,000.00	\$20,985.44	448
VFW Post 4663, Clifton	Pets for Vets	\$3,500.00	\$60.00	1
Am Leg Post 209, Colorado Springs	Homeless Shelter (Crawford House)	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	126
SVNH, Florence	IN2L and Bingo Equipment	\$18,134.00	\$18,134.00	Residents
SVNH, Fitzsimons	KINESIS Omega Duo	\$14,051.50	\$14,051.50	Residents
SVNH, Rifle	Hi-Lo Beds	\$9,680.00	\$9,202.67	Residents
SVNH, Homelake	Its Never Too Late Therapy (IN2L)	\$10,859.79	\$10,859.79	Residents
VFW Post 6051, Woodland Park	Welcome Home Warrior Retreat	\$4,100.00	\$3,809.72	35
VFW Post 6624, Evans	Veterans Assistance	\$40,000.00	\$37,227.08	205
AL Post 109, Windsor	Stand down and Vet Assistance	\$55,000.00	\$54,999.90	170
AL Post 32, Longmont (1of2)	Vet Assistance (Boulder)	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	190
AL Post 32, Longmont (2of2)	Stand down, Vet Assist, Trans	\$18,000.00	\$15,552.18	148
AL Post 203, Pueblo	Stand down, Veteran Assistance	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	136
VFW Post 1, Denver (2of6)	Vet Assist (Bo Matthews Ctr for Exc)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	200
VFW Post 1, Denver (3of6)	Stand down Denver (WVOC)	\$10,000.00	\$9,745.44	250
VFW Post 1, Denver (4of6)	CO Women Vet Conf (WVOC)	\$5,000.00	\$4,684.41	225
VFW Post 1, Denver (5of6)	Veterans Assistance (Denver)	\$79,080.00	\$79,080.00	2344
VFW Post 1, Denver (6of6)	COMPASS (Job Trans Prog Mil2Civ)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	20
VFW Post 41, Loveland	Veterans Assistance	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	450
AL Post 29, Denver	Transportation and Vet Assistance	\$6,000.00	\$5,595.84	111
VFW Post 1247, Grand Junction	Standdown&Vet Assist (2of2)	\$14,150.00	\$14,034.76	340
	TOTALS	\$892,893.29	\$867,808.09	12158