

Veterans' Trust Fund of South Carolina

Grant Distribution and Management Committee

1-1. Purpose of the Committee is to recommend the awarding grants of fund programs and projects that have the potential for high impact, improving the quality of life for Reserve, Guard, Veterans and their families.

2-1. To fulfill its duties and functions in accordance with Section 25-21-30 of Chapter 21 of Title 25, the Board is authorized, and delegated to the committee but not limited to:

a. Develop, and reconsider as necessary, policies and procedures to manage the consideration and decisions of applications for grants or services.

b. Develop criteria for awarding grants in accordance with Chapter 21, Section 25-21-30, and any other legal and appropriate guidance provided by the Board.

c. Will present its recommendations on any applications for grants to the Board.

d. The Chair shall have the authority to appoint from time to time, such ad hoc committees as deemed appropriate for specific purposes.

e. Assess the needs of veterans, establish priorities, and develop goals and objectives for the Grant Distribution and Management Committee for the recommendation of approval of grant requests.

f. Recommend how the monies in the fund must be disbursed.

g. Establish rules of procedure for committee meetings and any other function of the fund necessary for the orderly conduct of its business.

h. Establish criteria and methodology for awarding of grants which shall include the consideration of at least:

(1) The priority of the service need that the proposal addresses.

(2) The quality and soundness of the proposal and its probable effectiveness in accomplishing its objectives mirrored to the goals of the Veterans' Trust Fund (VTF) of South Carolina.

(3) A cost-benefit analysis of the project.

(4) Programs and projects that offer opportunities to collaborate and foster partnerships, as well as leverage other funding sources.

(5) The utilization of local resources, especially volunteers, when appropriate, and matching or in-kind contributions which may be, but are not, required.

(6) The qualifications of employees to be hired under the grant as applicable by law.

(7) The experience of the proposed project administrators in providing ongoing accountability for the program.

(8) Demonstration of the ability to achieve measurable results and demonstrated organizational financial stability.

i. Fit within at least one of the following funding areas:

(1) Emergency Assistance (such as stopping evictions, past due utilities, food and shelter services).

(2) Health and Safety (such as programs assisting with PTSD, mental health; Counseling).

(3) Medical supplies (such as needs related to combat injuries).

(4) Housing (such as transitional and permanent housing programs).

(5) Other appropriate activities that benefit veterans and their families.

j. Meet the following eligibility:

(1) Organizations must be located and provide services in South Carolina to veterans and family members who reside in South Carolina.

(2) Applicants must qualify as nonprofit by Internal Revenue Code or be classified as a unit of government.

(3) Organizations must not discriminate on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, physical ability, sexual orientation, political affiliation or religious beliefs.

(4) While faith based organizations are eligible to apply, projects promoting religious beliefs or requiring participation in religious activities will not be funded.

(5) VTF funds cannot be used to pay salaries or wages.

(6) Any organizations proposing programs that will affect or take place on a Department of Defense installation will be asked to present documentation that their programs are approved for operation on a Department of Defense installation by the installation commander or the commander's designee.

k. Areas Generally Not Funded:

(1) Capital and endowment campaigns.

(2) Travel and conferences.

(3) Individuals.

(4) Projects promoting religious or political views.

(5) Fraternal Organizations.

(6) Organizations for re-granting purposes.

(7) Capital expenses for transportation.

1-3. The VTF may support veteran service programs by direct funding or through donation of property or services.

1-4. The VTF may supplement and augment, but shall not take the place of services provided by state agencies or federal governmental programs.

1-5. To establish policies, procedures, and criteria in order to award grants and to undertake charitable programs and projects to assist and support deserving veterans service organizations, organizations that support and augment veterans' programs and veterans and their families.

1-6. To enter into contracts for the awarding of grants to public or private nonprofit organizations.