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TO: Governor Andy Beshear;
The Legislative Research Commission;
The Interim Joint Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection

FROM: Charles T. Jones
Brigadier General US Army (Ret)
Executive Director
Office of Management & Administration

SUBJECT: Military Family Assistance Trust Fund State Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report

DATE: September 15, 2024

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This annual report is made pursuant to KRS 36.476, concerning the Military Family Assistance Trust Fund (MFAST).

1. Board activities: During the 2024 state fiscal year, the Board held meetings on July 18, 2023, January 8, 2024, February 1, 2024, February 12, 2024. The board developed and released a promotional video along with literature to market the program; and has taken the necessary action to update internal policies governing the program.

The Board submitted HB 715 – Military Family Assistance Trust Fund Expansion with emergency which was signed by the Governor and became effective immediately upon his approval on April 4, 2024. HB 715 removed the post-deployment provision relating to eligibility for the MFAST and HB 715 also expanded the KY National Guard Adoption Assistance Program to include former members of the KY National Guard and allow adoption of stepchildren.

2. MFAST Fund Payments: Fund expenditures for state fiscal year 2024 total \$5,000.
3. MFAST Balance: The fund balance as of June 30, 2024 was \$346,691.52. HB 1, passed by the Kentucky General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor on April 13, 2022, included provisions that added \$100,000 to the fund during state fiscal year 2023 and an additional \$100,000 in state fiscal year 2024. The MFAST Fund Accounting Ledger is attached.

On February 14, 2024, the board submitted a request to the Interim Joint Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection asking to Committee to pause financial support for the next 12 months and that the Board would inform the Committee of future funding needs for the next 12-24 month period. The Board has advised when fund balance reaches the threshold of \$200,000, a request would be submitted to request additional funding.

4. Recommendations: The Board shall continue to retain fund levels to keep pace with need-based and adoption assistance grant applications.



SFY Opening Balance	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
630B	\$325,970.03	\$314,253.55	\$311,893.00	\$286,875.14	\$271,293.80	\$346,691.52	\$465,125.03

Revenues

N101	Op Tr From General F				\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	
R771	Interest Income	\$7,455.48	\$4,159.18	(\$28.00)	\$312.73	\$10,225.42	\$23,433.51
Sum:		\$7,455.48	\$4,159.18	(\$28.00)	\$312.73	\$110,225.42	\$123,433.51

Program Cost

110	Salaries And Wages	\$7,951.43	\$1,656.54	\$4,920.00	\$7,875.00	\$7,052.01	
120	Fringe Benefits	\$7,948.20	\$1,748.30	\$4,664.20	\$7,454.89	\$5,741.23	
130	Other Personnel Cost	\$35.35	\$35.35		\$64.18	\$80.00	
360	Travel Exp & Exp Allo	\$236.98	\$79.54	\$2.50			
Sum:		\$16,171.96	\$3,519.73	\$9,586.70	\$15,394.07	\$12,873.24	

Recipients Payouts

E464	Other Benefits	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$15,403.16	\$500.00	\$6,040.64	\$5,000.00
E497	Financial Assistance					\$15,913.82	
Sum:		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$15,403.16	\$500.00	\$21,954.46	\$5,000.00

SFY Ending Balance

630B	End Balance	\$314,253.55	\$311,893.00	\$286,875.14	\$271,293.80	\$346,691.52	\$465,125.03	\$465,125.03
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FROM: Dr. Dallas F. Kratzer II
Board President
Military Family Assistance Trust Fund

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Feb 14, 24

SUBJECT: Military Family Assistance Trust Fund – Pause Financial Support

DATE: February 14, 2024

As the President of the Kentucky Military Family Assistance Trust (MFAST) Board, I want to thank you for your unwavering support of our service members and their family. The MFAST Board has been able to help several families in crisis or in the adoption process over the last year because of your support. At the same time, the operational tempo of deployments has decreased significantly, and fewer families are being impacted by short term, immediate financial hardships, which is a good thing.

Along with the additional support from the legislature over the past two years, we find ourselves in a situation where we have sufficient funds on-hand to meet what we project will be the needs over the next 12 months or more. Therefore, in an effort to be a good steward of the support you have provided, we ask the Committee to pause financial support to the MFAST fund for the next 12 months. Additionally, we will include comments in Section III of our Annual Report to inform the VMAPP Committee on our future funding needs for the next 12-24 month period.

Again, the MFAST Board is grateful for your support and are working to meet the financial crisis facing our service members while being a good steward of what has been entrusted to us. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me for further clarification.

