



**County of El Dorado
T.O.T. Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Veteran Affairs Commission

Todd Smith, District I – Alternate Robert Fischer
Roger Reynolds, District II – Alternate Donna Mullens-Becker
Seth Culver, District III – Alternate Lenny McAdams
Ken Welch, District IV – Alternate Tim Thompson
Gary Norton, District V – Alternate Tom Millham
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**Thursday February 12, 2026 @ 1100 hours
330 Fair Lane, Building A
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I. CALL TO ORDER – 11:01 AM

Roll Call Committee Members:

Roger Reynolds - Present	Gary Norton – Present
Donna Mullens-Becker- Present	Seth Culver – Present

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA and APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 13, 2025, meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Mullens-Becker, seconded by Commissioner Culver to approve the February 12, 2026 TOT Agenda and approve the November 13, 2025 Minutes.

Motion passes 4-0.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Kathy Haven, Community Impact Officer, from the El Dorado Community Foundation, to present on upcoming 2026 Mini Grant application and funding opportunity.

Kathy Haven reported that Amy Poole, Executive Director for the El Dorado Community Foundation (EDCF), has been a great addition to their team and has helped streamline the grant application process. Haven noted that the VA TOT Grant applications will be open from March 30, 2026, through April 23, 2026. Haven then presented a slideshow outlining the EDCF grant process.

Once the application period closes, Haven will review all applicants and applications to ensure they meet the required standards. Applications that meet the requirements are then forwarded to the VA TOT Committee for review and approval in mid-May through early June. Funding for the Mini Grants is distributed by July 1, and recipients have one fiscal year to use the funds and submit a Financial and Progress Report.

Haven emphasized the importance of applications clearly stating their goals, explaining how those goals are measurable, and demonstrating that funds will be used as intended. She also

noted that the El Dorado Community Foundation offers a grant writing class for those interested in applying for grants in the future.

Commissioner Reynolds stated that the TOT Committee would like to see funds spent down and hopes to increase the amount applicants can request.

B. VA TOT Committee to review a request from Military Family Support Group to increase their annual funding from \$8,000 to \$12,000 for the FY 26/27 Annual Grant

Commissioner Mullens-Becker reported that Only Kindness is closing its organization and that their allocated funds for FY 25/26 could be re-distributed to other organizations that utilize the VA TOT Annual Grants. Mullens-Becker stated Military Family Support Group's FY 25/26 Annual Grant allocation could be increased from \$8,000 to \$15,000, as the organization is requesting an increased amount in their FY 26/27 Annual Grant application.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Norton to approve a recommendation to re-allocate \$7,000 from the Only Kindness Annual Grant Funds to Military Family Support Group to increase their limit from \$8,000 to \$15,000 for the FY 25/26 Annual Grant.

Motion passes 4-0.

C. VA TOT Committee to review and vote on the reallocation of the FY 25/26 TOT Funds.

Commissioner Mullens-Becker stated that the TOT Committee still has \$8,000 remaining from the Only Kindness allocation that could be re-allocated to another Annual Grant organization. Based on the most recent progress reports from both Snowline Hospice and The Food Bank of El Dorado County, she noted that both organizations could utilize additional funds to support the veteran community.

Snowline Hospice reported that they are currently using their Annual Grant funds to provide services to approximately 11 veterans and their families in need. Many of the services they offer involve skilled care.

Mullens-Becker highlighted that The Food Bank of El Dorado County assists an average of 75 veterans each month by providing food deliveries and supplying staple food items, fresh vegetables, fruit, canned goods, and various proteins. She expressed that The Food Bank of El Dorado County could benefit from receiving additional funding for the FY 25/26 Annual Grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mullens-Becker, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to approve a recommendation to re-allocate \$8,000 from the Only Kindness Annual Grant Funds to The Food Bank of El Dorado County to increase their limit from \$10,000 to \$18,000 for the FY 25/26 Annual Grant.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment is limited to three minutes per person.

No public comment

V. ADJOURNMENT - 11: 40 AM