

RESOLUTION

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE CREATION OF A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – LICKING COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION (LCVSC)

Whereas: The Licking County Board of Commissioners (LCBOC) created a Veterans Assistance line item with funds remaining from the 2023 Licking County Veterans Service Commission (LCVSC) budget. This new partnership will continue to be funded with remaining funds from the LCVSC as available; and,

Whereas: This new line item was created to provide assistance to Veterans that is outside the scope of assistance provided by the LCVSC; and,

Whereas: The purpose of these funds is to be used toward workforce development, housing development and homeless services; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, County of Licking, State of Ohio:

That we do hereby approve the creation of a Workforce Development Program as outlined below:

**Licking County Board of Commissioners
Veterans' Assistance - Workforce Development Program**

- Applications will be accepted from Veterans, their spouses, their children (age 25 and younger) and their surviving spouse.
- Applicants Eligibility-
 - Former Service Member must meet the definition of a Veteran per the Ohio Revised Code 5901.01 (B).
 - (1) A person who served in the armed forces of the United States on active military duty and was discharged from the service under honorable conditions, and who either served on active duty for reasons other than training or, while serving on active duty for training, incurred a disability recognized by the department of veterans' affairs or department of defense as service connected.
 - (2) A person who served in the United States merchant marine, who either served on active duty for reasons other than training or, while serving on active duty for training, incurred a disability recognized by the department of veterans' affairs or department of defense as service-connected, and to whom either of the following applies:
 - (a) The person has an honorable report of separation from the active-duty military service, form DD214 or DD215.
 - (b) The person served in the United States merchant marine between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, and died on active duty while serving in a war zone during that period of service.
 - Verification of eligible service must be submitted to the Licking County Veterans Service Commission in the form of an original or certified copy of honorable report of separation from the active-duty military service, form DD214 or DD215. Service eligibility must be verified by an accredited Veteran Service Officer.
 - Veteran must be a current resident of Licking County for a minimum of 90 days. Verification of residency must be provided.
 - Qualified Dependents are defined as the following:
 - Spouse that currently resides with Veteran. Certificate of marriage must be provided.
 - Surviving spouse that resided with the Veteran prior to death. Must be a verified resident of Licking County for a minimum of 90 days. Certificate of marriage and Veteran's death certificate must be provided. (If a surviving spouse remarries prior to the age of 55, they are no longer considered the dependent of the Veteran, unless this marriage is terminated due to death).
 - Veterans biological, step or adopted children age 25 and under. Must be a verified resident of Licking County for a minimum of 90 days. Biological children must provide birth certificate. Step children must provide birth certificate and parents certificate of marriage. Adopted children must provide a birth certificate and court documentation of legal adoption.
 - Divorced spouse, separated spouse or children over age 26 may not apply.
- Applicant must be currently enrolled and in good standings for higher education at one of the following facilities:
 - Career & Technology Education Center (C-TEC): Licking County
 - Central Ohio Technical College (COTC): Newark & Pataskala Campus
 - The Ohio State University (OSU): At Newark & Pataskala

- Applicant must apply with the assistance of a staff member from one of the listed facilities.
- Applicants may only apply once per quarter, (unless urgent circumstances arise):
 - 1st Quarter: January 1st – March 31st
 - 2nd Quarter: April 1st – June 30th
 - 3rd Quarter: July 1st – September 30th
 - 4th Quarter: October 1st – December 31st
- Funds may only be provided for the following:
 - Tuition Assistance: Not to exceed \$5,000.00 (per quarter)
 - Books, Supplies and Necessary Training Materials: Not to exceed \$1,500.00 (per quarter)
 - Necessary Technology: Not to exceed \$2,000.00 (per year)
 - On-Campus Meal Plans: Not to exceed \$1,000.00 (per quarter)
- Funds will only be provided directly to the institute of higher education and applied directly to the student account to be used on campus only. Funds will not be provided directly to any applicant.
- This assistance is intended to help with needs not provided by any other grants, scholarships and/or education benefits. A breakdown of all other grants, scholarship and/or education benefits must be provided by the facility when applying for the Licking County Board of Commissioners Veterans Assistance Work Force Development Program.
- Satisfactory academic performance as determined by the academic institution must be met to maintain eligibility for this program.
- Assistance will not be provided for postgraduate education.

Completed application with all required documentation must be provided to the Licking County Veterans Service Commission (LCVSC). The LCVSC will review completed applications during the Monthly Veterans Service Commissioners Meeting. The Licking County Veterans Service Commissioners will make a formal written recommendation for each applicant to the Licking County Board of Commissioners. The Licking County Board of Commissioners will make the final determination of eligibility to include the amount of any assistance provided. Incomplete or ineligible applications will not be accepted for consideration.

Motion by

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seconded by

BLACK

that the resolution be adopted was carried by the following vote:

YEAS: _____

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NAYS: _____

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CC: Michael L. Smith, Auditor

April Foster, Veterans Service Commission

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Duane H. Flowers
Rick Black
Timothy E. Bub

Adopted: July 11, 2024

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Beverly Adzic, Clerk/Administrator

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