



Request for Appropriation

National Ability Center

Rep. Tim Quinn

National Ability Center (NAC) respectfully requests consideration of an ongoing appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 to help service veterans, active duty injured military, individuals with disabilities and families who love and support them.

Statewide Public Purpose

The NAC offers a number of recreation and educational programs for servicemen and women and their families that develop and encourage independence, support general health and wellness, promote a balanced and physically active lifestyle, and smooth the transition from military to civilian life. The State’s investment in the National Ability Center will lead to the growth of successful military programs focused on veterans, increase engagement of individuals in their home communities, foster an ongoing shift in public perception and attitudes regarding inclusion, highlight veterans as extraordinary role models, and increase awareness and acceptance of people of all abilities.

Financing

Financing Source	2019 One-Time	2020 One-Time	2020 Ongoing
General Fund*	\$0	\$0	\$200,000

The sponsor has requested that funding from sources marked with an asterisk not lapse.

Additional Notes

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The National Ability Center has been highlighted nationwide for the outcomes our programs provide to our nation's service members and their families.

Recent studies through the University of Utah's Veteran Studies show success rates of 76% in recovery from PTSD when provided in conjunction with NAC programs. These results have been shared with state and national military leadership to illustrate the high levels of success treatment provided in non-clinical settings can achieve to ensure our nation's heroes heal from the physical, mental and emotional wounds of war.

State Appropriation will help to bridge the current forecasted gap of \$275,000 for military programs anticipated by the NAC.

Support will go to provide direct programming to veterans, military members and their families to participate in all NAC programs, including housing, regardless of cost.

In total, funding will provide nearly 1,000 program experiences to veterans and active duty injured service members and their families in NAC programs across the state of Utah.

Programs may include any of NAC activities in a variety of settings. For example:

- Introduction/Kick Off events
- Family Camps
- Spouse retreat
- Woman Warrior Retreats
- University of Utah's Veteran Studies CPT (cognitive processing therapy) 5 – 7 day treatment program in conjunction with the NAC
- Day, Overnight and Weeklong Off-site Adventure programs (may include rafting, back packing, climbing, mountain biking and orienteering)
- Day and season long competition programs (up to and including Paralympic level competitions)

Military Program Revenue	
Federal Support	141,968.00
Partner Investment	375,835.00
Corporate Sponsors and Directed Donations	117,500.00
Special Events	90,270.00
Total Military Revenue	725,573.00
Military Program Expenses	
Program Direct Costs	170,030.00
Program Direct Labor Expenses	396,864.00
Program Training Expenses	9,521.00
Volunteer and Program Management	19,910.00
Recruiting and Advertising	22,617.00
Lodge & Facility Expense	192,204.00
Equipment	54,000.00
Insurance	8,842.00
General and Administrative Expenses	124,305.00
Total Military Expenses	998,293.00

National Ability Center Performance Measures

Each year, we provide programming to more than 6,600 individuals with disabilities and their family members through over 37,000 experiences. These programs are designed for individuals of all abilities, including those with physical, developmental, and cognitive disabilities, as well as those impacted by serious illness. The largest population that we serve are active duty, injured military and veterans, and children and adults on the autism spectrum, as well as their families.

For many who face injury, illness, or disability, recreation enhances active living, helping limit the onset of further impairment by maintaining mobility, flexibility, and cognitive abilities. It also offers vital opportunities to strengthen families, socialize, and build support networks. The National Ability Center offers a wide variety of programs both seasonally and year-round, including skiing, snowboarding, horseback riding, rock climbing, archery, cycling and many others. Specially-designed equipment is also available for many of the activities, allowing friends and families to all participate in activities together, regardless of each person's individual abilities.

The success of the National Ability Center is measured primarily by the number of people served. Over 6,600 individuals are helped each year. A further testament to the success of these programs is the fact that some families have moved to Utah from across the country specifically to be close to NAC programs.