

Ensuring Utah's Olympic Legacy Venues are Viable

Steps Needed to complete 2020 – 2030 \$40M+ Commitments in Funding Support for Infrastructure Improvements

Soldier Hollow Nordic Center
Utah Olympic Oval
Utah Olympic Park



Utah should continue to grow winter sport programs, host major events, and ensure Utah's Olympic venues remain viable and at world-class levels.

- Utah Olympic Exploratory Committee Report



Commitment in 2018 – Funding Fulfillment Needs 2020 One-Time Funds to Complete

In the 2018 Legislative General Session, overwhelming Legislative and Executive branch support was given to the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation (UOLF) through a State commitment to fund \$40+ million in requested funds. The funds would repair, replace, and improve upon much needed & necessary venue infrastructure at Utah Olympic Oval, Soldier Hollow, and Utah Olympic Park prior to a next Utah Olympic & Paralympic Games in 2030 or 2034.

The funding mechanism was a combination of both ongoing and one-time funds, for which \$3M/yr for 10 years of ongoing + \$6M of 2018 Session one-time funding = \$36M of a \$43M inflation adjusted total number. A detailed 2018 Legislative Audit of the UOLF validated the request.

UOLF is requesting a second installment of one-time funds in the amount of \$3M in the 2020 Session. This would allow the original Capital Improvement Project (CIP) schedule to keep on track to what was a “front heavy” funding need. Most building infrastructure and equipment have exceeded their 15-25 year lifespan limit. Outlined below is a table showing the Legislative audit validated CIP need, 10 year ongoing fund stream, and past & future requested one-time funds necessary to stay on track to keep the Legacy venues capable of training athletes & hosting events.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Totals
Leg Audit Validated CIP need	\$9.9M	\$4.1M	\$6.8M	\$4.5M	\$3.6M	\$3.2M	\$2.8M	\$2.8M	\$2.6M	\$2.7M	\$43M
Ongoing Funding Planned	\$3M	\$3M	\$3M	\$3M	\$3M	\$3M	\$3M	\$3M	\$3M	\$3M	\$30M
One Time Funds Given/ Needed	\$6M		\$3M	\$2M	\$2M						\$13M
Yearly Funding Total	\$9M	\$3M	\$6M	\$4M	\$4M	\$3M	\$3M	\$3M	\$3M	\$3M	\$43M



2020 Olympic Venue
Critical Repairs &
Improvements necessary
to maintain world class and
current day standards



Why is this Important and How are the Funds being Tracked?

This is important & necessary in the 2020 Session to keep to the original schedule because:

- The Olympic-Paralympic Venues need critical repairs. Earlier this winter, two international events had to be cancelled when the Bobsled & Luge track experienced mechanical pump failures. Numerous examples of other repairs & equipment replacement exist and the hope is to avoid having this happen again. Reputationally, we need to show consistent and reliable venue readiness as we position to host another future Games!
- The “Front-End Heavy” funding need exists 2018-2022. While a little behind already to stated needs, this coming year is critical to stay on track and keep on schedule.

Funds are allocated and tracked by:

- DFCM oversight. The UOLF meets regularly to ensure the funds are being responsibly used and put to the stated projects. To date, this relationship has proven to be exceptionally positive and appropriately overseen. Should Legislators desire to hear further details, UOLF & DFCM representatives are eager to share our current two year history.

Example Capital Repair & Replacements Items for Utah’s Legacy Venues

Soldier Hollow Nordic Center – Snowmaking systems, Sport Requirements, and Deferred Repairs

In the eighteenth year since the Games, the water delivery and snowmaking system has degraded to the point where leaks cause interruptions to operations and abilities to open the facility. Repairs and replacements efforts are heading into Year #3 of a 5 year period. Sport requirements require reinvestment for cross country skiing and biathlon areas. There are significant asphalt and concrete pathway failures, and building maintenance has experienced years of deferred attention.

Utah Olympic Oval – Roof Repairs & Refrigeration Equipment

Several key refrigeration system (the original “chiller” for the 1993 outdoor speed skating Oval) and roof repairs are in the process of critical items being repaired. The roof, which has had patchwork repairs over the years will see a complete re-roofing effort completed this Spring. Refrigeration systems items are in a multi-year repair cycle.

Utah Olympic Park – Roadway Repairs, Retaining Walls, Deferred Repairs & Equipment Needs

Following 25 years of heavy use, the internal roadway is in need of a new asphalt overlay. The sliding track has failing retaining walls along its one-mile course that needs reshoring. Heavy machinery from the 1990s such as bobcats and a loader are in need of replacement.

POSITIVE IMPACTS

- Fulfills 2018 Commitment and further solidifies Utah’s Olympic Positioning Efforts.
- Averts an infrastructure crisis that could damage Utah’s image as the premier athlete training and event destination.
- One-time \$3M of funding in 2020 on top of ongoing funding would allow for staying “on the original schedule;” shoring up much needed capital maintenance & replacement needs that are on the verge of halting operations.
- Gives U.S. athletes the best possible competitive advantage with world-class training.
- Allows the Legacy Venues to continue to be “Community Recreation Centers” in their communities.
- Fulfills recommendations from the 2012 & 2018 Olympic Exploratory Report & 2018 Legislative Audit.