Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation

Soldier Hollow in the Heber Valley
Seeking to Showcase a Year-Round, Public Use Nordic Center Complex within Wasatch State Park

$3.5M Funding Request

Renovate & Expand Upon Aging Competition Finish Area Building

As State leaders seek to more fully utilize our amazing State Parks for a rising demand from our citizens, the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation (UOLF) is proposing to provide a Non-Profit/State Parks partnership in advancing goals of both entities. With a long term operating agreement targeted to be completed Spring 2020, UOLF has spearheaded a long term Master Planning process in coordination with State Parks. With the 2002 Olympic & Paralympic venue being positioned to be a host venue again in the future, the UOLF seeks to create a year-round, community oriented use facility that has been envisioned by local government and community leaders.

A first step towards this vision, is to shore up and expand upon an existing central building that anchors the venue's Nordic skiing & event operations. The renovation and expansion would provide needed athlete & guest areas, which would reduce future planned costs for regular events and the future hosting of an Olympic & Paralympic Games. Additionally, the location would allow for another winter sport National Governing Body, US Biathlon, to create a Western Office, and consider an eventual full relocation from its back east headquarters location.
POSITIVE IMPACTS

- Advances a key initial first project for the Soldier Hollow Nordic Center’s Long Term Master Plan
- Allows Utah to deepen its Olympic-Paralympic Games positioning by creating a Western Office for US Biathlon
- Creates a much improved and expanded Nordic Center, allowing for participant growth in XC Skiing & Biathlon
- Provides the Heber Valley a much needed boost to further showcase their Olympic-Paralympic Legacy Venue
- Reduces future event temporary spending by more than $250k/yr by creating permanent building uses
- Creates an iconic race finish area facility that will highlight Utah’s unique Legacy efforts of everyday use facilities that are used year round and for major event needs.

Building Details & Proposed Budget:

- Budget: $3.5M
- Building Addition Components:
  1. Relocated Nordic Center to Improved Location / Set-Up
  2. Expanded Event staging space that will eliminate future Costs to annual event needs & Future Games
  3. Much needed office & meeting space that would facilitate the creation of a Western office of US Biathlon / possible relocation