



Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

Utah Combat veterans and their families, additionally other veterans and their families who participate in activities here in Utah.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Donnie Edwards

Organization: The Best Defense Foundation

Position: Founder/ CEO

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category		One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$350,000.00	
In-State Travel	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$50,000.00	
Out-of-State Travel	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$20,000.00	
Supplies and Equipment	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$80,000.00	
Technology Purchases	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	



Veteran Rehabilitation and Wellness

Economic and Community Development

Category	One-time	Ongoing
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2025:	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2025:	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2025 (One-time)	\$0.00
2026 (One-time)	\$500,000.00
2026 (Ongoing)	\$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00

Is this a multi-year project?

Yes

Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

Yes



A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

There are additional private donors who contribute to this mission for veterans. The number of veteran families who participate allow for scaling.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Health and Wellbeing

TOUREC

Agency:

063 / Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Private Not for Profit

Grant recipient

Yes

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Best Defense Foundation

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

Who would benefit the most from this request (who is the target audience)?

Utah combat veterans and their families and other veterans who have served our nation. These programs allow for Utah citizens youth groups and other to show gratitude and help with veterans and their wellness.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

To bring veterans together to share common bonds and common challenges and find short-term and long-term solutions for their mental and physical wellness.



How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

It will be measured by the number of veterans and/or families that participate, additionally from testimonies from veterans of how it changed their lives, and in some cases saved their lives. Also, showing broad community support with additional outside donors.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

These funds shall be granted upfront and expenses accounted for after project completion. 100% of these funds shall be used to help Utah veterans or host other veterans at Utah events.

Previous Funding Documents

<https://cobi.utah.gov/2024/3666/issues/22539> <https://cobi.utah.gov/2023/3666/issues/20718>

Full Time Employees

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