Educational Center Project / Respite Care for People with Disabilities

Social Services

Requester Information

Legislator Name: Weiler, Todd

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

Our Clinical Recreational Therapy Programs offer participants meaningful opportunities to enhance their overall quality of life through the arts, sports, education, and adaptive recreation. These efforts support the development of vital infrastructure, including the creation of a new Accessible Educational Center.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Mircea Divricean

Organization: Kostopulos Dream Foundation

Position: President and CEO

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
In-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Out-of-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Technology Purchases	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $5,000,000.00	$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$5,000,000.00**	**$0.00**

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	$0.00
2027 (One-time)	$5,000,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$5,000,000.00**	**$0.00**

Is this a multi-year project?

No

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?

We are a nonprofit that raises funds each year for our Clinical Recreational Therapy Program. We raise these funds to ensure people with disabilities and complex medical needs have access to these services, especially those from low-income and/or rural communities across the state. We will continue to fund-raise through individual donors and foundations as we have in the past in order to provide our programs and services to people with disabilities from across the State of Utah.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

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Land and Environment

Agency:

250 / Department of Health and Human Services

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Private for Profit

Grant recipient

Yes

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Kostopulos Dream Foundation

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

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

People with disabilities and complex medical needs of all ages and their families in the State of Utah, especially those from low-income households. This will also impact their families and caregivers who will benefit from respite care services.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

Camp K has limitations regarding facilities as we are only able to serve the vast majority of participants for respite in the summer months due to weather. Expanding our facilities to have an accessible Educational Center allows us to open our services to more people and we would be able to provide more respite services year-round to more participants and their families.

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

Kostopulos Dream Foundation has served the State of Utah for over 70 years, we have well established programs and services in partnership with the Division of Services for People with Disabilities and Utah State Office of Rehabilitation. We have served during our 70 year existence hundred of thousands of individuals with disabilities and complex medical needs and their families. Our Nationally Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialists facilitate assessments for each participant that attends our programs. They also document changes/ growth through progress notes and complete evaluations. Through this data and information, we are able to measure an increase in 5 main domains of life- Physical, Intellectual, Emotional, Behavioral, and Social Functioning.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

- 4. Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall.pdf
- Kostopulos Dream Foundation Proposal for New Educational Center.pdf

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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