Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

This funding will allow Camp K to continue its operations by covering the difference between the rate it receives and the actual operating costs. Camp K provides services, respite, and overnight care for individuals with disabilities.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Mircea Divricean

Organization: Camp Kostopulos

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	$500,000.00
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
Technology Purchases	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$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	**$0.00**	**$500,000.00**

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	$0.00
2027 (One-time)	$0.00
2027 (Ongoing)	$500,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$0.00**	**$500,000.00**

Is this a multi-year project?

Yes

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

No

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Health and Wellbeing

Agency:

250 / Department of Health and Human Services

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Private Not for Profit

Grant recipient

No

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

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

Utah children, teens, and adults with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities, along with their families and caregivers, who rely on Camp Kostopulos for safe, specialized respite and therapeutic recreation services. Camp Kostopulos serves thousands of Utahns each year through residential camp, day camp, community-based programs, equestrian programs, and vocational supports. Many of the individuals served are Medicaid eligible or receive services through DSPD, and their families depend on consistent, reliable respite care that meets complex medical, behavioral, and supervision needs. This funding would also directly benefit working families and caregivers who rely on respite services to maintain employment, manage health needs, and prevent caregiver burnout. Without providers like Camp Kostopulos, many families have no realistic alternative for safe, high quality care, particularly for individuals with higher support needs or those from rural or lower-income communities.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

By closing the reimbursement gap, this funding will allow Camp Kostopulos to maintain capacity, avoid reducing services, and prevent families from being turned away or priced out of care. It will also support staff retention and quality, ensure services remain accessible statewide, and preserve a critical part of Utah's disability services infrastructure that families have relied on for decades.

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

The families and individuals served by these programs will not lose continuity of care. Success can be measured by the percent of participants showing improvement in physical abilities or health, as well as the percent of participants who have made progress toward their individualized determined goal.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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