Requester Information

Legislator Name: Winterton, Ronald M.

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

Construction of a multi-ADD sport and educational campus in Wasatch County/ This facility provides critical infrastructure to resolve Utah's youth sports ice/field deficit and could serve as a primary training hub for the 2034 Olympic mandate.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Laurie Neal

Organization: Thunder Heart Inc

Position: Executive Director

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $7,500,000.00	$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 $6,048,100.00	$0.00
Technology Purchases	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $103,451,904.00	$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $15,000,000.00	$0.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$132,000,004.00**	**$0.00**

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	$0.00
2027 (One-time)	$132,000,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$132,000,000.00**	**$0.00**

Is this a multi-year project?

No

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

No

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Health and Wellbeing

TOUREC

Agency:

710 / Cultural and Community Engagement

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)?

• Primary Mission: To provide world-class sports and training where children from all backgrounds learn life lessons through teamwork and creativity. • The "Access Promise": No child will be turned away for an inability to pay. This is backed by a permanent $15,000,000 Scholarship Endowment. • The 12,000+ Gap: Addressing the crisis where over 12,000 youth athletes are currently "locked out" of ice time or forced into 10:30 PM practice slots. • Student Health: Implementation of the "9:00 PM Shield," a mandatory policy ending all youth sessions by 9:00 PM to protect sleep and academic success. • Tourism Impact: Projected to generate 15,000+ annual hotel room nights via anchor events like the Glacium Winter Festival and Pond Hockey Classic. • State Fiscal Return: $26,050,000 in direct state tax recovery projected over the first 10 years. • Job Creation: 1,115 construction-related jobs and 175–235 permanent roles. • Living Wage: A $22.15/hr. weighted average wage for all operational staff.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

Secure a world-class athletic and educational legacy by establishing the "Access Promise"—a guarantee that no child will be turned away for financial reasons, secured by a $15,000,000 Scholarship Endowment. It also enforces the "9:00 PM Shield" to protect student-athlete sleep, health, and academic success.

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

Success is measured by reaching full enrollment capacity for 12,000+ athletes, realization of $26,050,000 in direct state tax recovery over 10 years, and verified management of the endowment with zero-denial records for qualified low-income youth.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

"The Legislature intends that $132,000,000 from the General Fund provided by this item be used for the capital construction of the Rocky Mountain Global Peace & Sports Complex. The Legislature further intends that these funds be distributed as a Direct Award to thunderHeart, Inc., with the assigned state agency (CCE) serving as a fiscal pass-through for the disbursement of funds."

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Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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