



Requester Information

Legislator Name: Weiler, Todd

Created Date: January 29th 2026

Submitted Date: January 29th 2026

Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

Utah's veteran suicide rate is 1.4x the national average and veterans remain a high percentage of Utah's chronically homeless population. We aim to launch the state's first affordable housing & therapy pilot program, located at the Art Castle mixed-use development. The pilot aims to become a model statewide in municipalities with high veteran populations and near military installations.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Crystal Young

Organization: Sterling & Pink (representing Utah Arts Alliance)

Position: Lobbyist

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category		One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$125,000.00	
In-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Out-of-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Supplies and Equipment	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$20,000.00	



Veteran Housing & PTSD Art Therapy Pilot

Executive Appropriations

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Technology Purchases	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$2,500.00	
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$1,000,000.00	
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$250,000.00	

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$1,397,500.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (One-time)	\$1,397,500.00
2027 (Ongoing)	\$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$1,397,500.00	\$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?

The pilot itself can be designed and tested for a 1x appropriation of \$300,000. The remaining \$1,000,000 will match a \$3,000,000 investment from the city, and an a \$1,000,000 federal earmark to be used towards the construction and rehabilitation costs of the historic 15th ward, 1 of 5 remaining pioneer era churches in the state.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

02605u

Health and Wellbeing

Agency:

450 / Veterans and Military Affairs

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)?

Veterans, active duty, and their families suffering from PTSD and lack of affordable housing

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

1: Reduce veteran suicide and negative PTSD symptoms 2: build an affordable housing project with 30% earmarked for veterans, active duty, and military families



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

Participants report a 50% reduction in PTSD symptoms, 40% reduction in anxiety, and 35% reduction in depression. Within 10 years, reduce suicide rate to 30 per 100,000.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

\$500,000 for the downpayment - 2022?

Full Time Employees

0