



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
287 West Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Sean M. Connolly
Commissioner

April 19, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to support the Veterans' Rowing & Kayaking, Inc. application to the V.A. Adaptive Sports Grant program. This grant will help better support the therapeutic programs that Veterans have enjoyed for many years. If approved the grant request of \$185,000.00 will be applied toward the purchase of equipment, transportation, and administration fees.

Veterans' Rowing & Kayaking, Inc. is a non-profit organization in Connecticut with a focus on supporting the needs of Veterans with Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Their therapeutic programs allow Veterans to participate in recreational activities while addressing PTS, TBI and other mental health conditions. Veterans' Rowing & Kayaking, Inc. organization's mission of providing skilled recreational programs to Veterans through partnerships with private businesses and civic organizations has been instrumental to the organization's success for participating Veterans. This grant will allow the organization to continue their mission for those Veterans carrying the visible and invisible scars of war.

I fully support Veterans' Rowing & Kayaking, Inc. application and hope that you recognize the importance of providing this needed recreational service to our Connecticut Veterans.

Thank you for your time and please contact me with any questions at 860-616-3607.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sean M. Connolly".

Sean M. Connolly