



State of Connecticut  
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
 STATE CAPITOL  
 HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

March 27, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

**RE: V.A. Adaptive Sports Grant**

We are writing in strong support of the Veterans' Rowing & Kayaking, Inc. application to the V.A. Adaptive Sports Grant program. This grant will help better facilitate delivery of quality therapeutic programs to our veterans and wounded soldiers. The amount requested through this grant is \$185,000, which will enable Veterans' Rowing & Kayaking, Inc. to be able to pay for equipment, coaching fees, transportation, and administration fees.

Veteran's Rowing & Kayaking Inc. is a non-profit volunteer organization in Connecticut that helps to support our military Veterans that suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and other health related issues. The Incorporations healing and wellness programs are designed especially to help Veterans with addressing these and many other health problems. The overall goal of Veterans' Rowing and Kayaking Inc. programs are to improve the quality of life for disabled Veterans by engaging them in a physical wellness and fitness activity while creating a sense of unity and network using teamwork to reach a desired goal. With this grant, Veterans' Rowing & Kayaking, Inc. will be better able to accomplish this goal for more of Connecticut's veterans.

We have been able to witness the benefits firsthand this past summer when we attended a kayaking event. The joy from these programs for our veterans was amazing to see.

We strongly support Veterans' Rowing & Kayaking, Inc. mission and efforts to provide our veterans with an improved quality of life through this application. Please contact us for any additional information or support we may offer in this regard.

Sincerely,

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