

# United States Senate

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Michael Welch, Paralympic Program Specialist  
Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events, Suite 9120 Department of  
Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20420

**RE: Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members  
of the Armed Forces**

Dear Mr. Welch:

I write in support of the application by DREAM Adaptive Recreation, Inc. for a grant to increase the adaptive recreation opportunities for Montana's disabled veterans.

DREAM, which stands for Dis able d Recreation Environmental Access Movement, was founded in 1985 by a group of Flathead Valley residents who banded together to make outdoor activities more accessible to people, with dis abilities.. DREAM currently offers both summer and winter adaptive sports programming.

The Kalispell Veterans Center requested this letter or support and reports that this program, which links veterans with disabilities to the DREAM alpine ski and snowboard program, has been a great success and is transformative for the vets who have participated in it. This past season, they served 29 veterans with disabilities and provided 85 free lessons. DREAM is already looking forward to supporting an even larger population of vets in the 2019-2020 winter sports season. This grant will help DREAM continue to honor the commitment to our nation's veterans who bravely served our nation

Thank you for your attention to this application. If I can provide any additional information, do not hesitate to contact me. Please inform my office of the eventual decision on this application.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester  
United States Senator