



COMMUNITY FUND FACT SHEET

THE PROGRAM

Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWVA) aims to set the highest animal welfare standards for WA racing. The vision for the Off the Track WA Community Fund is to enable eligible applicants to deliver projects which align with RWVA's equine priority to assist horses in their transition beyond racing. People and organisations using off the track horses in non-performance projects, such as supporting students to access equine education programs may apply to the newly established fund.

KEY DATES

Applications for the scheme will close at 4pm 31 March 2023. Late submissions will not be accepted. Applicants will be notified of the outcome within six weeks of the closing date.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Proposed eligible projects which utilise off the track horses that may be covered under this scheme include but are not limited to:

- Equine therapy programs
- Equine assisted learning programs
- Equestrian centres and children and adult riding schools which utilise off the track horses and where funding of the project results in a significant impact on education and welfare outcomes for horses or participants.

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS AND EXPENSES

Ineligible projects under this scheme include:

- Sponsorship of events because this is provided separately through the Off the Track WA Event Sponsorship
- Projects which have a primary objective of fundraising
- Projects that have already commenced.

Ineligible expenses under this scheme include but are not limited to:

- Purchasing and ongoing upkeep costs of off the track horses
- Costs associated with staff and general operating expenses.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

To be eligible to apply for the scheme the applicant must:

- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Located in the state of Western Australia
- Demonstrate a commitment to off the track horses as a component of their business.
- Have a minimum of \$10 million public liability insurance and be able to provide a certificate of currency.
- Be willing to obtain an Off the Track WA Passport for all retired racehorses involved in the project.

AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE

A maximum of \$7000 (excluding GST) is available for each project. Separate applications must be submitted for each project.

HOW WILL THE PROJECT BE ASSESSED?

Each project will be assessed on specific criteria to determine the benefits of the project to thoroughbred/standardbred welfare and/or alternative education pathways for retired racehorses or students.

As a minimum, the following will be considered:

- The project's alignment with the objectives of the fund.
- The capacity of the organisation/applicant to undertake all aspects of the proposed project.
- Is the budget comprehensive, realistic and does it provide value for money?
- Does the program demonstrate the outcomes to be achieved?
- Will the project outcomes/benefits continue beyond the project?
- Is there a demonstrated financial need?

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS AND FUNDING AGREEMENT

Successful applicants will be required to enter into an agreement with RWVA.

Successful applicants will be required to complete their projects within 12 months of project approval by RWVA.

At the completion of their project, successful applicants will be required to submit a brief report on the outcomes of the project and a breakdown of how the funds were spent. In addition to this, RWVA may require successful applicants to provide an interim update on the progress of the project.

UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Please contact the Animal Welfare team for feedback on the application.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION SUBMISSION

For further information please contact the Animal Welfare team at animalwelfare@rwwa.com.au.

To apply, please complete the Off the Track WA Community Fund form and email it to animalwelfare@rwwa.com.au.