

RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

RESEARCH FUND 2023



1. THE PROGRAM

Racing and Wagering Western Australia's (RWAA) vision is to set the highest standard in animal welfare for the Western Australian racing industry. Initiatives are continually being implemented to ensure the welfare of all horses bred for the purpose of racing throughout all stages of their life.

RWAA's newly established research fund will invest in projects which aim to achieve impactful and ongoing benefits. Initially the program will focus on positive outcomes relating to the welfare of racehorses across both the racing and post racing stages of their career. In 2023 the main objectives of the Equine Welfare Research Fund are to support projects that will i) enhance the health, welfare and safety of all racehorses and ii) continue to support and assist horses in their transition beyond the racing industry.

2. KEY DATES

Applications for the program will close at 4pm on 5 May 2023.

Late submissions will not be accepted.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome within six weeks of the closing date.

3. ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

To be considered for funding, research projects are required to address one of the following areas:

- i) Enhance health, welfare or safety of thoroughbred and standardbred horses.
- ii) Retraining and rehoming initiatives for retired standardbred and thoroughbred horses.

4. INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Ineligible projects under this program include:

- i) Projects which have a primary objective of fundraising.
- ii) Projects located outside Australia.
- iii) Commercialisation projects.
- iv) Projects that do not address eligibility criteria at point 3.

5. FUNDING AVAILABLE

The amount of funding available in the Equine Welfare Research fund to be allocated in FY2023 is \$100,000 (excluding GST).

6. PROJECT ASSESSMENT

Each proposal will be assessed for specific criteria to determine the benefits of the project to thoroughbred/standardbred welfare outcomes. As a minimum, the following will be considered:

- i) Does the project align with the objectives of the fund?
- ii) What is the likelihood the project will achieve the objectives?
- iii) Does the proposed methodology fit the project's objectives?
- iv) Do the investigators have the appropriate expertise to deliver the proposed project?
- v) Is the budget comprehensive, realistic and does it provide value for money?

7. SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS AND FUNDING AGREEMENT

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a contract with RWWA which will outline the terms and conditions associated with the funding. The contract must be signed and returned to RWWA before any money is paid.

At the completion of their project, successful applicants will be required to submit a final report on the outcomes of the project and a detailed breakdown of how the funding was spent. In addition to this, RWWA may require successful applicants to provide an interim update on the progress of the funding/project.

Where RWWA agrees to provide only part funding for the project these funds will only be provided contingent with the applicant providing written supporting evidence that the remaining funds have been committed via other means or providers.

8. UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Please contact the animal welfare team if you require feedback on your application.

9. FURTHER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Further information please contact the animal welfare team at animalwelfare@rwwa.com.au.

- ▶ To apply please complete the RWWA Research Fund application form and email to **animalwelfare@rwwa.com.au**. Please complete the application form in Adobe Acrobat Reader.