

Expressions of Interest

Special Project Funding



Purpose

Equestrian NSW (ENSW) and Dressage NSW are committed to the continual improvement and development of equestrian sport and have allocated funding to DNSW for Special Project's Funding (SPF) with the view to meeting this objective. The purpose of the SPF is to support projects undertaken by ENSW Affiliates, which progress and strengthen our sport and has a lasting benefit to the Club and dressage in general.

Part of this funding allocation has been set aside for the "Regional Dressage Festival" series. The balance of the funds is available for Clubs and other initiatives.

In the past Clubs could submit applications for SPF funding direct to ENSW and with endorsement of DNSW funds were allocated from ENSW direct to the Clubs. These arrangements no longer apply and the Committee of DNSW will now consider applications and where successful, provide funding.

How the Development Projects Program will work

- Funding for Development projects is available to Equestrian NSW affiliated Dressage Clubs.
- \$12,000 is available and there is no set amount that Clubs can apply for but it is expected that projects would not exceed \$3000.
- When considering applications, the Committee of DNSW will decide whether the proposed project meets the purpose of the funding and whether the administration requirements have been fulfilled;
- Projects where the Club will contribute funds or project costs in kind will be favorably considered. The contribution should be clearly shown on the budget.
- Submissions are invited which will develop the sport, in particular horse welfare, youth participation, regional development or show creative initiatives to improve the profile of the sport. Capital and equipment projects are permitted, but may be given lower priority. Please note that Judge and Officials education is already covered under other funding streams.
- Clubs can apply for funding to cover:
 - Horse Welfare and Bio-security improvements/guidance including seminars and instruction
 - Costs to secure experienced judges/more judges to their major championships (especially in regional areas).
 - Improvements to grounds or facilities that will assist the club to attract more members and competitors.
 - Upgrade of facilities that will have an ongoing benefit such as plastic arena surrounds or footing improvements, safety equipment including first aid and fire equipment, upgrade of facilities for officials and volunteers (shade structures).
 - Training clinics for Club members with EA instructors.
 - Workshops or other activities to support training of volunteers, such as writers or first aid training for committee members (not officials) *
 - Other initiatives that will benefit the sport will be considered.

* Judges Seminars or Workshops and other Officials training are not considered under SPF funding. Clubs may apply for support for Officials educational activity through a different application form.

How to apply

- Complete the application form and email to: dnsw.admin@equestrian.org.au
- Depending on the project a budget would be beneficial.

Project delivery

The proposed projects must be delivered and funding expended by June 2016.

Within eight weeks of the completion of the project, a report is required and an acquittal of the funds provided.

Please complete the application and return to us no later than: **closing date extended to: 15 January, 2016**

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