**GUIDELINES: HORSES 4 HEALTH EQUINE WELFARE & EQUINE ASSISTED SERVICES GRANT SCHEME**

The Horses4Health Hack and Chat Challenge is a charity event that celebrates horses and the positive impact they have on people's mental health. Participants are encouraged to ride and chat with friends during the summer months to support their own mental well-being whilst raising sponsorship for vital equine causes.

All funds raised from the event go towards the Horses 4 Health Equine Grant Scheme, supporting organisations dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating horses, ponies, and donkeys.

This year we are proud to be extending the grant scheme to organisations delivering Equine Assisted Services, bringing horses and vulnerable people together with wonderfully positive consequences.

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| Organisation status | Applicants for the equine welfare grant must have registered charity status: Charity Commission for England and Wales, Scottish Charity Register, or the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. Applicants for the equine assisted services grant must be registered with the Human Equine Interaction Register (HEIR), more details about this can be found on the HETI website. |
| Geography | The charity/HEIR registered organisation and project activity must be operating in the UK. |
| Deadline | * Submission deadline Tuesday 31st October 2023   A decision will be made within one month of each round and all applicants will be contacted with an outcome. |
| Timeframe to spend funds | 6 – 12 months |
| Grant value range | £300 - £1000 |
| What do we fund? | Funding will be used to support equine welfare activities and equine assisted services provision, epitomising the true spirit of #PeopleHelpingHorsesHelpingPeople. We would encourage matched funding applications.  Projects must demonstrate direct health and wellbeing benefit for equines and people leading to positive long-term outcomes. This can include projects delivered as part of essential core activities.   * equipment * vehicles * building work * vet bills * training   Or the provision of bursary places for a provider of equine assisted services. Examples of successful projects might include solar power fencing, rugs, field shelters, castration, electronic weighing scales, mud matting, herb planting and the training of staff. |
| What will not be funded | We will not fund salaries, office costs or food supplies. |
| Reporting | In the true spirit of #PeopleHelpingHorsesHelpingPeople the Committee would like to celebrate the success of your funded project with the Horses 4 Health community. We encourage charities to use this opportunity to build a positive network of support within the equine community:     1. use the hashtags #horsesforhealth and #PeopleHelpingHorsesHelpingPeople on relevant social media content celebrating your project. 2. via informal call/online meetings at 3 and 6 months to provide project updates. 3. issue an end of project report. |
| Questions | We welcome and encourage applicants to contact the H4H Grants Manager with any questions or feedback on the details below.  If you have any accessibility requirements, please do not hesitate to make contact.  H4H Equine Grants Scheme  Lizy Kacou – H4H Grant Manager  [grants@horseworld.org.uk](about:blank)  01275 893033  [www.horses4health.co.uk](about:blank) |