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HORSE COUNCIL BRITISH COLUMBIA



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2010 Recreation & Industry Grant

Horse Council BC (HCBC) together with Equine Canada (EC) would like to invite HCBC club and affiliate members to apply for a Recreation & Industry Grant (RIG) by June 30, 2010.

About the Fund

As of 2010, all Horse Council BC members are now required to purchase a Equine Canada membership at a cost of \$5 per individual. It has been agreed that 30% of the total EC membership funds collected will remain in BC in the form of grant funding for non-sport projects or programs that benefit recreational riders and the horse industry as a whole. For 2010 the total RIG funding available will be at least \$20,000.

Who can apply?

Any Horse Council BC club or affiliate member that is in good standing with HCBC for a minimum of 12 months and whose current members are HCBC members as well. Also any committee of HCBC whose projects meet the required criteria can also apply.

What will grants be awarded for?

Grants will be awarded to projects or programs that benefit BC's recreational riders or owners as a whole. All capital projects must be situated on public or publicly contracted lands (i.e. municipal, regional or crown lands).

The following would be eligible for grants:

- Equestrian trail construction
- Trail and trailhead upgrade, improvement and rehabilitation
- Bridge and water crossing construction, upgrade or rehabilitation
- Horse camp sites and facilities such as corrals, high lines, toilets, fire rings, stock watering facilities
- Horse trailer parking facilities at a trailhead or community arena
- Trail & facilities signage
- Community arena and facilities construction, upgrade, improvement or rehabilitation
- Equestrian safety clinics open to all HCBC members
- Educational seminars related to environmental issues of horse ownership (i.e manure management, pasture management, etc)
- Educational seminars related to horse welfare issues (i.e. responsible breeding, basic equine nutrition, pest and parasite control, equine health and equine first aid)

Note: Educational seminars must be free of charge or at nominal cost to all members of the community.

What is the deadline to apply?

Applications must be postmarked or received by the Horse Council BC office on or before June 30, 2010.

The eligibility criteria, guidelines and the grant application form for the 2010 Equine Canada and Horse Council BC Recreation & Industry Grant are now available online at www.hcbc.ca. For more information or to obtain a hard copy of all forms please contact Ruth Donald, HCBC Recreation Coordinator, at (604) 856-4304, ext#109 or by emailing recreation@hcbc.ca.

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About Horse Council BC

Horse Council BC is a member service organization committed to working together on behalf of the equine interests of our members. Representing horse enthusiasts in BC, we collaborate with individuals, businesses, industry professionals, and government to strengthen communication, education, and safety. We strive to preserve and enhance equestrian use of public lands and to promote and foster participation in all varieties of equine activity.

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