



Horse Council BC Zone Funding Criteria

Purpose: Horse Council BC Zones are committed to the equine community through education, fostering participation, growth, skill development, and excellence in all horse related sport and industry activities, while preserving valued horse traditions. Within the Province there are currently eight Zones.

Funding: Each Zone receives one dollar each year for every current member within their Zone. Grant requests are submitted to a Zone Director in the Zone in which a person resides. [Find your Zone Director\(s\)](#). Grant approvals are dependent on requests meeting the grant criteria and funding availability.

Eligibility: Clubs, Affiliates and individuals that are current members of HCBC may receive Zone funding from the Zone in which they reside. Businesses or business members are not eligible to apply for HCBC grants.

Applications: Applications may be made at any time during the year for Zone funding grants. Traditionally approval is given for small amounts which benefit HCBC members in the zone i.e. between \$100 and \$500. Maximums may be set by each Zone. Application should be made two weeks prior to an event.

Not eligible:

- No funds to be used for private business or to be given to individuals to improve private property
- Grants will not be considered for administration or operating costs of a club, group or individual.
- Applicants may not double dip; for example: If you have applied for funding for a particular project under a different funding source such as Core Funding you should not apply for funding for the same project through Zone Funding and vice-versa. (Although Zone Funds may be used to top-up other HCBC grants at the discretion of the Zone Directors.)
- “Horse training” or “colt starting” clinics will not qualify.

Eligible qualifying criteria:

- Applications that demonstrate that they give or are planning to give substantial benefit to equestrians through education, participation, skill development.
- Grant applications for clinics: Preference will be given to those hiring coaches or instructors that are certified and recognized by HCBC and/or Equestrian Canada.
- Any competition receiving support must be permitted and should be restricted to costs associated with judges. For information on how to permit your show please check out the [competition section of the HCBC website](#).
- Travel assistance: Member must be representing a club, provincial or regional association at the National or International level. Not all Zones are able to fund Travel Assistance.
- Benefits to communities i.e. safety equipment such as jump cups; sound equipment, footing/facility upgrades.

Zone Funding is approved at the discretion of the Zone Directors within the Finance Policy of Horse Council BC, a not for profit organization. Preference will be given to those projects that are seen to benefit multiple Zone members. Individual zones may set priorities that best reflect the needs of the zone while in keeping with the purpose of Zone Funding. Grants must be spent solely for the purpose for which they are given and within the financial year. The grant will cover the project to a maximum of the approved amount.

Application information and reporting forms can be found on the HCBC website under FUNDING For HCBC Members, [ZONE FUNDING](#).