



North Carolina Horse Council Nonprofit Equine Assisted Activities and Therapy (EAAT) Program

Equine-assisted therapy is a method of therapy that uses horses as a tool to help individuals with physical, mental and emotional conditions gain confidence and work through the healing process. The bond that is formed between the horse and the client is often a strong one that helps the client process feelings, gain skills and ameliorate fears.

This grant category will require the applicants to have 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service. This grant program is open to educational institutions and government entities. Applicants must be located in North Carolina and must have been operating for at least one year. Credentials of employees or volunteer instructors/therapist will also be required.

The grant applicant must agree to use the money for purposes of equine assisted therapy, riding apparel and equipment, and or equipment necessary for the clients to be able to participate in basic horse activities. Some grants may be awarded for research projects that deal with equine assisted therapy. Finally, some grants may go for physical construction projects necessary for the safety of the clients and horses.

Important notice: An organization is only eligible to apply for one grant every two years. All evaluation material from a past grant must have been submitted prior to any application for a second grant.

SAMPLE OF POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE PROPOSALS

- For Capital expenditures to improve facilities on non-profit owned property
- New projects or services
- Research Projects
- Riding equipment or adaptive devices
- Expansion of existing projects or services

SAMPLE OF NON - ELIGIBLE PROPOSALS

- Not for day-to-day operating expenses
- Not for normal maintenance and upkeep
- Not for the purchase of animals
- Not for year-end awards
- Not for improvements to privately owned property

GRANT REQUIREMENTS:

- Cover Letter
- 501 c 3 certification
- If the grant is for capital improvement, you must provide evidence that the site is owned by the non-profit entity.
- Proposal Narrative
 - Proposal abstract
 - History of the organization and mission statement
 - Needs assessment and problem statement
 - Scope of grant benefits: how many clients are currently being served, number of students enrolled, how many additional students will be served, etc.

- Objectives of the proposal
- Plan of activities (who, what, where, why, when and how)
- Past year's accomplishments
- Qualifications of key staff
- Accountability and evaluation plan of agency programs and progress
- Sustainability plan
- Budget
- Submission of Final Evaluation. Evidence of completion, evaluation of the benefits, photographs, evidence of how the NCHC was recognized