



Agriculture & NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund

Grant Application 2026

Due: May 30, 2026

NAME OF PROJECT _____

AMOUNT REQUESTED _____

Section 1: Contact Information

Name of Entity _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Grant Coordinator/Primary Contact Person _____

Title _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Section 2: Eligibility

1. Are you a certified 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization or recognized by the United States Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit organization that is also tax exempt? YES NO

2. Is your primary business location in New York State? YES NO
If your primary business address is not located in New York State, provide the address of your New York office or describe where your activities will be conducted in New York State if awarded this grant?

3. Is a match required for this project, either by your organization or by another entity providing funds? YES NO

If so, provide specifics, including the source of funding, match requirements and other identifying details.

Section 3: Attachments

Please attach the following to complete this application:

Attachment A: Federal Tax Identification Number and document verifying 501(c)3 status or recognition by the IRS of non-profit tax-exempt status. This must demonstrate that the status is currently in effect.

Attachment B: In narrative form, explain the need for the grant and detail the manner in which the funds will be used. Also, state the applicant's mission and how that relates to the mission of the Fund.

The mission of the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund and the New York Sire Stakes is to promote agriculture through the breeding of horses. To that end the Fund directs the state's premier harness racing program designed to stimulate the breeding, buying and racing of Standardbred horses in New York State. The New York Sire Stakes is the nation's oldest harness racing program of its kind. We believe that these goals can best be accomplished by supporting educational programs, equine research and supplementation of racing purses at New York State pari-mutuel tracks, County Fairs and the Goshen Historic Track. Our authority accepts that by accomplishing our mission we will improve the economic well-being of the Empire State, keep agricultural lands in service producing products of value, preserve open space and increase employment opportunities throughout the whole of New York State.

Attachment C: Project budget. Provide In the case where the total project budget exceeds the grant monies being requested, the applicant must provide the total budget along with a listing of other funding sources and whether or not they have been secured by the application submission date.

Project timeline. Project start date and a project completion date must be included, along with any important dates or milestones during the project.

Additional Information

- Grant applicants will be invited to make a presentation on their application to the Board of Trustees at a publicly held meeting, the date and time of which will be announced. Applicants are not required to make a presentation in order to be eligible for an award. Grant awards will be announced during a publicly held meeting of the Board of Trustees, which may or may not be the same meeting as the presentation by applicants.
- Grant awardees will be notified in writing, which will include deadlines for submission of expenditure reports. A completion report is due to the Fund 30 days after the project ending date. Funds for approved grant projects must either be spent or obligated prior to the end date of the project as stated in the application.
- Once funds are awarded, any changes to the project budget, how grant funds will be allocated, or project end date must be approved in advance by the Executive Director of the Fund. Requests for project extensions must be received by the Fund no later than 30 calendar days prior to the approved ending date of the project.

All of the above information is subject to the complete Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund Grants Policy, which governs the awarding of grants, and can be viewed on our website or by contacting the Fund directly.

Completed applications can be submitted by mail (postmark date) or email as a PDF no later than May 30, 2026.

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Email: fletcher.whyland@gaming.ny.gov

Direct questions to at 518-694-5002 or the email address above.