



USEF European Competition Grant Application

The purpose of the USEF European Competition Grant Application is to support the Pathway Program, which seeks to deliver sustainable success and is focused on team podium finishes at Championships. Applicants will be expected to demonstrate that the grant will be used for intensive training and competition purposes in Europe. Grants are expected to range from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

Criteria to be considered:

- Horse must not be older than 14 years old
- Athlete/horse combination must have 68% or higher on the USEF Grand Prix 8-Month Ranking List
- Athlete/ horse combination has not been named to the 2026 FEI World Championship U.S. Dressage Team Short List

Application, Selection, Recommendation and Approval:

- The USEF Dressage Coaching Staff & Managing Director will consider applicants and will make a recommendation as to who should receive a grant. The Coaching Staff will consider the potential of the athlete/horse combination to LA 2028 Olympic Games, and how the identified competition(s) and training will assist the athlete to achieve these aims. All grants are subject to final approval and funds available.
- Applications will be considered if submitted by July 15, 2026, at 11:59pm ET. 1-2 grants may be awarded no later than June 15, 2026, and an additional 1-2 grants may be awarded no later than August 1, 2026. If no applicants meet the minimum criteria below, USEF reserves the right not to award any grants or to award less grants than noted.
- Each applicant will be required to outline how the grant will be utilized, the provided outline at a minimum should include the following:
 - **Competition Planning:**
 - Tentative competition plans for June 1, 2026 - November 31, 2026, may include:
 - Hagen (GER) CDI4*/CDI3* July 1-5, 2026
 - Achleiten (AUT) CDI3* July 23-26, 2026
 - Hagen (GER) CDI4* September 23-27, 2026
 - Troisdorf (GER) CDI4* October 8-11, 2026
 - Leeuwarden (NED) CDI3* October 8-11, 2026
 - Opglabbeek (BEL) CDI4* October 28-November 1, 2026
 - Other European competitions (CDI or CDN)
 - 2027-2028 Competition Goals
 - 2027 Pan American Games
 - 2027 Aachen CDIO5*
 - 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games





- **Training:**
 - Current training network (include primary trainer, specialty trainers, frequent clinicians, etc.).
 - Current out of training support group (i.e. sport psychologist, human physio, etc.).
 - Who you will train with, and where, and **what you want to achieve**.
- **Veterinary:**
 - Name of current vet(s) and frequency of visits.
 - Submit a veterinary evaluation and be willing to cooperate with the USEF Team Veterinarian for home visits / evaluations.
- **Travel:** Plans to travel outside of your training base within the next 12 months (i.e., Wellington, Europe, etc.) and include approximate date / time frame.
- Please be advised that a grant may be rescinded if there is a loss in performance, due to veterinary concerns regarding your horse or injury/illness, or you do not maintain the ethics and standards of behavior established by the FEI and the USEF and in the manner that reflects positively on the image and reputation of USEF.
- If the grant recipient is unable to attend the training or coaching specified in their application, the USEF Managing Director of Dressage must be notified as soon as possible. Approval for a change in the use of funds is at the discretion of the USEF Dressage Coaching Staff.
- Athletes awarded a grant will submit a report summarizing how the funds were utilized and the impact the funds had no later than November 30, 2026.
- Applications for a USEF European Competition Grant should be submitted to Laura Roberts (lroberts@usef.org) no later than July 15, 2026.