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**To:** US Dressage Athletes

**From:** Hallye Griffin, US Equestrian Managing Director, Dressage

**Re:** 2020 US Dressage Funding Principles

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There will be four types of Funding available to athlete/horse combinations:

- i. Games Funding
- ii. Program Grant Funding
- iii. Non USEF Controlled Grants. This is either applied for by an athlete or the USEF is asked to make a recommendation to the organisation / committee that decides on the funding. Athletes will be informed when there are opportunities for them to apply for these grants if/when USEF is notified of such opportunities. These would include grants available through The Dressage Foundation and USOC based Awards and funding opportunities

### **GAMES FUNDING**

Resources/Support will be prioritized for building talent (which includes supporting Program members in reaching their targets) for Tokyo 2020. Games Funding will be linked to Program membership and targets. Applicants for the Olympic Games should review the Selection Procedures for the 2020 Olympic Games US Dressage Team found [here](#)).

### **PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING**

**Available funds will be prioritized across all Programs based upon the following Principles:**

- **Funding is awarded to support the aims of the Programs; *sustained success at world and Games level.***
- **Funding will be awarded to support agreed athlete and athlete / horse targets and or Key performance indicators (KPIs).**
- **Funding is not a right it is a privilege.**

### **Funding – Elite Program Members**

- A Training Grant will be paid in 6 month blocks, following athletes' Reviews.
- The Training Grant will be given in order to assist athletes attain their agreed Targets and KPIs. Athletes are required to submit a brief report at the end of the 6 month period summarizing how the funds were utilized and the impact the funds had. Further Grants will not be paid if a Report is not received.
- Elite Program members may receive additional funds for Target Competitions/Training including events such as the FEI World Cup Final or key competitions such as the Aachen CDIO5\*.



#### Funding – Pre-Elite

- If a Pre-Elite combination is selected for a Nations Cup event or the Olympic Games Short List, they may be considered for funding to support the USA Team performance. This may include funding to assist in covering travel or competition expenses.

#### Funding – Development Program Members

- Subject to funds being available, a Training Grant will be paid in 6 month blocks, following athletes' Reviews.
- The Training Grant will be given in order to assist athletes attain their agreed Targets and KPIs. Athletes are required to submit a brief report at the end of the 6 month period summarizing how the funds were utilized. Further Grants will not be paid if a Report is not received.
- The level of Training Grant will be reviewed on a 6 monthly basis and against the Budget.
- Development Program members may receive additional funds for Target Competitions/Training including the possibility of European Competition. Financial support must be requested by athletes and must be in line with the agreed upon targets. The decision to allocate funds will be made by the Managing Director and the Development Coach.

*For more information on U25 European Competition opportunities – [please click here](#).*

#### Funding – Emerging Program Members

- Youth Emerging Program members may receive funds for Target Competitions/Training. Financial support must be requested by athletes and the decision to allocate funds will be made by the Managing Director and Youth Coach.

*For more information on the Young Rider European Tour – [please click here](#).*

- Young Horse Emerging Program members may receive funds for Target Competitions/Training. Financial support must be requested by athletes and the decision to allocate funds will be made by the Managing Director and Young Horse Coach.

*For more information on the FEI World Breeding Championships – [please click here](#).*

#### Sports Science & Medicine Support

##### Equine

- Equine SSM support (vet / farrier / physio) available at or before specific competitions will be communicated by the Managing Director.
- A small budget may exist to assist with veterinary support (diagnosis and treatment) for horses on the Elite Program. Financial support must be requested by athletes and the decision to allocate funds will be made by the Chair of Selectors, Team Vet, Managing Director and Technical Advisor: The criteria used will be "whether diagnosis and treatment will support the achievement of the senior Team's performance targets".

##### Human

- Access to Human SSM support will be prioritized by the Managing Director.
- The USOC Elite Athlete Health Insurance (EAHI) places will allocated against published criteria (currently the Tryon WEG athletes the traveling reserve)

**Additional Information:** Questions should be addressed to Hallye Griffin, Managing Director - 859.225.6949 or [hgriffin@usef.org](mailto:hgriffin@usef.org).