



**Date:** 20 December 2021  
**To:** Para Dressage Centers of Excellence  
**From:** USEF Para Dressage Department  
**Re:** Para Dressage Centers of Excellence Funding Principles

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There will be four types of Funding available to Centers of Excellence:

- i. Athlete Development / Clinic Funding
- ii. Competition Development
- iii. Coach Development
- iv. Licensed Officials Development / Classification
- v. Non USEF Controlled Grants. These would include grants available through The Dressage Foundation, local organizations, or other award programs.

## **PROGRAM FUNDING**

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

- **Funding for the coming year may be awarded to support agreed COE targets and or Key performance indicators (KPIs) during the COE annual assessment.**
- **Funding may be awarded to support the aims of the Para-Equestrian Dressage Program Structure and Pathways.**
- **Primary funding will be considered in the first half of the year based on a COE's projected budget, with a second funding opportunity for discretionary funds in the second half of the year.**
- **Funding is not a right; it is a privilege and subject to availability.**

### Athlete Development / Clinic

A Clinic Grant may be given following the annual assessment. Clinicians must be agreed upon with the COE and USEF.

- The Clinic Grant may be given to assist COEs conducting agreed upon clinics to further Para Dressage development. COEs are required to submit a brief report following the clinic summarizing how the funds were utilized and how the funds contributed to reaching program KPIs. Further Grants will not be paid if a Report is not received.

### Competition Development

- A Competition Grant may be given to a COE aiming to provide competition experiences.
- Competition experiences include but are not limited to:
  - COE hosted USEF licensed competitions
  - COE supported virtual judging submissions
  - Assisting athletes to attend a USEF licensed competition and/or USEF Para Dressage National Championship qualifying competition

### Coach Development

- If a COE is selected to host a USEF Coach Practicum funds may be given in support.
- COE coaches may receive grant funds to support travel to a Final Practicum.

### Licensed Official Education / Classification

- A classification grant may be given following the annual assessment based on the number of athletes that a COE has in need of classification
- COEs may receive additional funds to host a seminar for USEF Para Dressage National Classifiers. Such seminars must be recorded as part of the COEs annual assessment targets.