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

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:
  o COE hosted USEF licensed competitions
  o COE supported virtual judging submissions
  o 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.