

Regional Grants to Groups Fund

RDA UK fundraise for the East Region, when possible they budget a set amount per group in the region to be distributed via Regional Grants to Groups. **In 2026 – 2027 the region will receive £3,000 in total.** The focus of this fund will be to offer support with emergencies or times of hardship through small grants. Examples include support towards, hay costs, staffing, surface replacement, repair works

APPLICATIONS

East Region groups can apply for grants from the fund subject to the following criteria.

- 1) Applications for grants are welcomed for both capital and revenue projects.
- 2) The standard maximum grant will be £500.
- 3) Applications from groups holding more than 12 months reserves are unlikely to be successful.
- 4) Hardship grants will be considered outside these criteria in the best interests of participants, groups, their equines and RDA.
- 5) Applications must be made using the **East Region Grant Application Form** with the supporting documents attached.
- 6) The East Region committee and its grants subcommittee may ask for other supporting documents such as minutes of decision making meetings and forward plans to help evaluate each application.
- 7) The amount available in any year will be agreed with the RDA UK Director of Finance & Resources and budgeted for by the region.

Applications to be sent to the Regional Chair at rceast@rda.org.uk If you wish to submit an application by post then please make initial contact by email.

TIMELINE

Grant applications will open four times a year as follows

Applications made between	1 st Jan and 1 st March	Decisions made by end of	April
	1 st April and 1 st June		July
	1 st July and 1 st Sept		October
	1 st Oct and 1 st Dec		Jan the following year

EVIDENCE

- 1) When a grant is made the group must report back a maximum of 3 months after receiving the funds with documentary evidence of the expenditure to show that the grant has been used as agreed.
- 2) If funds have not been used within the agreed timeframe and purpose then they must be returned to the East Regional Grants to Groups Fund.
- 3) Where a grant is made the region may ask to use the group's project for publicity to demonstrate the value of such funding.

All documents will be held in accordance with RDA UK GDPR Procedures.