

Ethel Hulley Bayes Fund

The late Ethel Hulley Bayes' legacy established a fund whose use is restricted as stated in her will.

"... to the Riding for the Disabled Association ... to be known as the Ethel Hulley Bayes Fund to be used (particularly the income arising therefrom) for the benefit of the work of the Association in the Eastern Region."

In 2026-2027 RDA UK has budgeted to distribute £4000 from this fund with an aim to increase the annual grants total in future years. In addition the Ethel Hulley Bayes Fund supports the East Region's Travel Assistance Fund (TAF) to help with transport costs to regional and national training and competition.

APPLICATIONS

The fund can be used for capital and revenue projects at a regional level and 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 £5,000.
- 3) Grants of up to £10,000 may be allowed for large projects but above £5,000 will have to show evidence of match funding.
- 4) Grants of more than £5,000 will also need to be agreed by the RDA UK Director of Finance and Resources.
- 5) Groups may not reapply for 24 months after a successful grant application.
- 6) Applications from groups holding more than 12 months reserves are unlikely to be successful.
- 7) Hardship grants will be considered outside these criteria in the best interests of participants, groups and the Riding for the Disabled Association.
- 8) Applications must be made using the **East Region Grant Application Form** with the supporting documents attached.
- 9) 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.
- 10) The amount available in any year will be budgeted for by the region and agreed with the RDA UK Director of Finance & Resources

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

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EVIDENCE

- 1) When a grant is made the group must report back a maximum of 6 months after receiving the funds with documentary evidence of the expenditure to show that the grant has been used as agreed. For longer term projects a report must also be made on completion.
- 2) If funds have not been used within the agreed timeframe and purpose then they must be returned to the Ethel Hulley Bayes 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.