



Notice of Grant Funding ***Equine Disaster Relief & Preparedness Fund***

The Sonoma County Horse Council (“Council”) is pleased to issue this Notice of Grant Funding to solicit applications from Sonoma County individuals, businesses and non-profit organizations impacted by the recent fires. Grants from \$500.00 to \$5,000.00 are available for restoration and rebuilding that improves the well-being of equines and the equine community. The Council’s mission is to preserve and protect the health and well-being of horses and horse-related activities in Sonoma County.

The Council established the Equine Disaster Relief & Preparedness Fund (“Fund”) shortly after the Lake County Valley Fire and the Council has been working on disaster preparedness protocols and training since that time. Given the devastating Tubbs and Nuns fires in Sonoma County, the current focus of the Council is disaster relief for local residents and businesses. The community has contributed generously to the Fund and the Council encourages everyone to consider making a contribution, no matter the amount, to help those in the equine community who have suffered unimaginable losses and need assistance in rebuilding. Contributions should be made payable to “Sonoma County Horse Council” and be sure to write “fire relief” in the memo field. Checks should be mailed to the address below. Alternately, donations can be made on-line at <https://www.sonomacountyhorsecouncil.org>.

Purpose of Grants: Grants will be made to individuals, businesses and non-profit organizations who demonstrate through their application that: 1) they suffered fire loss that affects equine well-being; 2) they will use grant funds as part of their effort to restore and rebuild equine infrastructure (including personal property such as tools and equipment); and 3) these grant funds are necessary because insurance, other donations, and public assistance grants combined fall short of the estimated costs of restoration/rebuilding. Grants will be provided to applicants who meet the above criteria and that have limited resources in order to initiate and complete the restoration/rebuilding process.

Timing and Deadlines for Grants: The Council will provide grant funds in at least two rounds, possibly more. Round 1 Grants will allocate a total of \$50,000.00 and the deadline for submitting an application is November 30, 2017. Applications with postmarks after November 30th will not be considered for Round 1.

The Council recognizes that for some fire victims, the status of insurance coverage and public assistance, such as F.E.M.A. grants, will not be finalized for many weeks. For this reason, the Council is doing at least two rounds of grants. The Round 1 Grants can assist those with immediate financial needs while Round 2 Grants, and possible later grants, can assist people once their status with insurance and public grant programs are finalized. The Round 2 deadline is January 31, 2018.

Grant Terms: Applicants selected for grant funding will be asked to sign a Grant Agreement with the Council. The Agreement will ask the grantee to certify that: 1) they do not have the necessary resources to complete the restoration and rebuilding without financial assistance from the Council; 2) the grant funding will be used to restore/rebuild equine infrastructure as indicated in their application; and 3) they will provide evidence (including pictures if applicable) of restoration/rebuild completion to the Council in a timely fashion.



Fire Relief Grant Application

Applicant Name: _____ Cell phone #: _____

Full Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Amount requested: \$ _____

- Applicant type: Local Non-Profit Agency
 Local Business
 Individual

If "Individual", please complete this box:

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| <u>Gross Annual Income:</u> | <input type="radio"/> under \$83,900 | <input type="radio"/> over \$83,900 |
| <u>Net Assets/Net Worth</u> | <input type="radio"/> under \$250,000 | <input type="radio"/> over \$250,000 |
| <i>assuming insurance reimbursement, where applicable</i> | | |

Need help with the application? Contact Mark Krug at schc.mkrug@gmail.com

1. Briefly describe the nature of your loss (not covered by insurance, other donations, and public assistance grants), including monetary value of the loss:

2. Briefly describe how, and to what degree, this loss impacted the well-being of equines, and if applicable the equine community:

3. Briefly describe the restoration and rebuilding plan and where you are in the process:

4. Status of insurance and other third-party financing (include "crowd-sourcing" or other donations):

| <i>Financing Source</i> | <i>Amount Requested</i> | <i>Status</i> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Insurance | | |
| FEMA | | |
| Other: _____ | | |
| Other: _____ | | |

5. Briefly summarize how Council funds will be used if granted:
