

Maryland Horse Industry Board 2015 Grant Recipients

Organization	Project Title	County	Use of Grant Funding	Amount
Fair Hill International, Inc.	Fair Hill International Culvert Replacement	Cecil	Funds will be used to hire an excavation company to relocate a culvert on the cross-country course. This has been brought about by the change in direction of the course, requiring passage over a wet area that needs improved drainage.	\$3,000
The Retreat at Beckleysville, Inc.	Lift Me Up	Baltimore	Funds will be used to help purchase a mobile lift that can lift wheelchair athletes from their wheelchair to the back of the horse. It may be taken to various shows and demonstrations and made available for use at the Maryland Special Olympics Equestrian Competition.	\$2,500
Mid-Atlantic Equitation Festival	Maryland Horsemanship Endowment	Prince George's	Funds will be used to further the goals of adult and youth education and to foster horse health awareness. Funds help develop the endowment by increasing the award, scope of the project, and revealing areas where further education is needed.	\$2,000
Maryland 4-H Horse Program	Maryland 4-H Horse Program Education Materials and Annual Triple Crown Event	Prince George's	Funds will be used to purchase educational resources and tools for the Horse Bowl and Hippology Programs. These resources will be used by volunteers during practices to prepare for the state contest at the Triple Crown Events. MHIB will be a Platinum Sponsor at the Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest.	\$2,000
LEAD Maryland	LEAD Maryland Foundation Class IX Fellows	Queen Anne's	Funds will be used to defray expenses of an intensive three-day seminar. The curriculum includes leadership principles, self-assessments, application of leadership skills, introduction to public-speaking skills, as well as an introduction and overview of Maryland's equine industry and bus trip for equine industry case studies.	\$2,000
League of Maryland Horsemen	Maintenance and Creation of Patapsco Park Bridle Trails	Carroll	Funds will be used to create new bridle trails and to repair and maintain existing trails. Members of the league will receive the proper tools to work in conjunction with Patapsco State Park, volunteering their time to repair and create new trails. The project will be ongoing in nature.	\$2,000
The University of Maryland	Enhancing the University of Maryland's Ability to Reach a Broader Audience for its Equine Educational Programs	Prince George's	Funds will be used to help engage more horse owners and prospective students through a stronger and more prominent presence on the internet. Aim to increase number of free live seminars, increase webinars, increase use of social media, and reduce cost of educational events through a general sponsorship by MHIB. Will offer reduced rates for MDA licensed stable operators.	\$2,000
Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding, Inc	Emerging Leaders Program	Harford	Funds will be used to facilitate equine-assisted leadership training for up to 36 emerging Stevenson University student leaders during three, two-hour workshops.	\$1,500
Freestate Riding Club	Freestate Riding Club Grounds Upgrade	Calvert	Funds will be used to perform three major grounds updates on the entry booth, food booth, and entrance gate. MHIB requested that Freestate acknowledge MHIB with a sign at entry booth.	\$1,500

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Great and Small	Trailer Repair	Montgomery	Funds will be used to replace the trailer floor and the ramp floor. The trailer is used to take horses on field trips to schools and camps that serve children with special needs when it is not logistically possible for children to travel to the farm. The trailer is also used to transport horses to shows that offer classes for riders with special needs.	\$1,250
Happy Horse Healthy Planet Inc.	Love Your Pony Love Your Planet Youth Education Project	State-wide	Funds will be used to offset the cost of 425 copies of the book "Love Your Pony Love Your Planet" to be distributed to youth equestrian programs and elementary schools in Maryland.	\$1,000
Greenwell Foundation	Sensory Trail	St. Mary's	Funds will be used to help build a sensory trail on an existing three-mile trail. The trail will have stops where an activity can be done to keep the ride interesting and to activate the senses. It will stimulate all of a rider's senses while improving balance and coordination and encouraging interaction.	\$1,000
Days End Farm Horse Rescue, Inc.	Days End Farm Horse Rescue Legacy Program	Howard	Funds will be used to purchase program materials for the DEFHR Summer Legacy Program which educates mostly Maryland youths about abused/neglected equines and basic horse care.	\$1,000
Brave HEART Program, Inc.	Back in the Saddle Mounting Area Project	Washington	Funds will be used to install a wheelchair accessible mounting area in the arena. This is the only facility in the county dedicated solely to serving military members, veterans, and their families. A ramp will enable the service and safe mounting of a broader spectrum of riders, increasing the availability of the program to additional families. Start-up program.	\$1,000
Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding Program	Education for six people to attend an Equine Assisted Growth and Learning (EGALA) workshop	Cecil	Funds will be used for four equine therapists and three mental health professionals to become certified in the EGALA methods. This will enable the program to offer the EGALA method to veterans and at-risk youth as well as opening more areas to help people with mental health issues. Will be working with Meeting Grounds, Wayfarers House, The Samaritan House, local mental health facilities, and local drug and alcohol rehabs.	\$1,000
Maryland Council for Equestrian Therapies	Maryland Council for Challenged Equestrians	Prince George's	Funds will be used for the Maryland Challenged Equestrian Trials which will be held at the Prince George's Equestrian Center. Show differs from the Special Olympics as it is for all people who happen to have disabilities, not just for people who happen to have intellectual disabilities.	\$865
The Big Purple Barn, Inc.	Big Purple Barn Outreach	Prince George's	Funds will be used to help purchase a custom tent with graphics for community outreach efforts.	\$700
Maryland Therapeutic Riding	Maryland Therapeutic Riding	Anne Arundel	Funds will be used for instructor education and training for both therapeutic riding and mental health certifications. This will allow MTR to operate a satellite therapeutic riding facility at the Hunt Valley Agricultural Center and add an equine-assisted mental health service line through a partnership with Horse Inspired.	\$600

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Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program	Presentation Projector Purchase	Frederick	Funds would be used to purchase a projector for informative presentations to groups interested in learning more about horses. The presentations will be shown to potential volunteers, middle and high school animal clubs and civic clubs, local civic organizations, and 'new parents' during Parent Orientation. Presentations would demonstrate how horses can improve their lives as well as those with disabilities.	\$600
Circle of Hope Therapeutic Riding	Helmets for the Riders	Montgomery	Funds will be used to purchase 15 new helmets (\$40 each.) SEI Guidelines recommend replacing helmets every 5 years.	\$600
Maryland Equine Education Center	Maryland Equine Education Center	Frederick	Funds will be used to purchase a projector to allow professionals to present more easily and in a polished manner.	\$500
Talbot Run Equestrian Center	Talbot Run Experience Center Welcome Materials	Carroll	Funds will be used to develop an introductory curriculum and publish materials to promote the Horse Discovery Center, including an educational booklet for visitors. This booklet will include info about horses, puzzles and activities, and info about how to get involved with horses.	\$400
Maryland Equestrian Club	University Horse Outreach Program	Prince George's	Funds will be used for public outreach flyers and other materials for Maryland Day.	\$300
Kiddy-Up, LLC	Kiddy Up with Horses- Youth Empowerment Program	Prince George's	Funds will be used to provide educational services for children in pre-schools and provide classes for children at the Kiddy up Farm. Children will have an opportunity to visit the farm and learn how to groom, feed, and experience riding.	\$300
Star Community, Inc.	Star Community Equestrian Center and Therapeutic Farm	Washington	Funds will be used to help pay travel expenses for PATHintl Equine Specialist Training, PATHintl Registered Instructor Certification and Certified Horsemanship Association Instructor Training.	\$275
Glen Hollow Pony Club	Trailer Safety Seminar	Carroll	Funds will be used to help pay speakers for a two-part seminar to educate Pony Club, 4-H, and community members on safety issues with trailering. Speakers from law enforcement and the horse industry will present and provide demonstrations.	\$110