



# CONCOURS PARA-EQUESTRE DE DRESSAGE INTERNATIONAL (CPEDI) **COMPETITION DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Para Dressage continues to experience meaningful growth in Canada, with an increasing number of classified riders entering and progressing through the high-performance pathway. Canadian para dressage athletes have demonstrated strong international competitiveness and continue to achieve success despite limited competitive opportunities in Canada.

A significant challenge to further athlete development is the shortage of CPEDI competitions in North America. This limited access creates barriers for athlete progression, increases travel and participation costs, and restricts opportunities to achieve required qualification scores and international exposure.

The CPEDI Competition Development Fund is intended to address this gap by providing targeted financial assistance to support the inclusion of CPEDI competitions alongside existing Equestrian Canada (EC) Gold or Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) sanctioned events and to assist athletes in accessing competitions.

## Purpose of the Grant

The purpose of the CPEDI Competition Development Fund is to support the growth and sustainability of hosting CPEDI Para Dressage competitions in Canada by reducing financial and operational barriers for organizers and athletes.

## Intended Outcomes

- Increased number of CPEDI competitions hosted in Canada
- Reduced financial burden on competition organizers and athletes.
- Improved access to high-quality FEI competition opportunities for Canadian para dressage athletes, coaches and officials.
- Strengthened domestic pathway aligned with international performance benchmarks

## Donations & Fund Administration

- Donations may be made to the CPEDI Competition Development Fund through the EC donations platform [here](#)
- Donations will be earmarked specifically for the CPEDI Competition Development Fund and administered in accordance with this criteria.
- Tax receipts will be issued for eligible donations in accordance with the [EC Gift Acceptance Policy](#) and CRA requirements.



## Eligibility Criteria

- Competitions must include CPEDI classes at the 3\* level.
- CPEDI competitions must be run in conjunction with an EC Gold or FEI sanctioned competition.
- Preference will be given to:
  - Competitions hosted in regions with limited access to CPEDI opportunities
- Competitions must comply with all FEI and EC regulations, including accessibility requirements.

## Funding Parameters

Applicants may apply for up to \$50,000 per competition.

- Funding is intended to support costs directly related to the inclusion and delivery of CPEDI classes. Applications must clearly demonstrate:
  - A basic competition budget
  - The specific financial impact for the CPEDI inclusion
  - Funds can be used to support the delivery of CPEDI competition including:
    - FEI officials, and classifiers costs
    - Facility accessibility adaptations
    - Stabling, entries, logistics, and operational requirements
    - Additional administrative or technical costs specific to CPEDI inclusion

## Application Requirements

Applications must include:

- A basic competition budget outlining revenues and expenses
- A clear description of:
  - Financial need
  - How grant funding will be used
  - The anticipated impact of the CPEDI competition on athlete development
- Confirmation of EC Gold or FEI competition status

## Assessment & Approval

Applications will be reviewed by EC in collaboration with relevant Para Dressage and High-Performance Advisory Group. Funding decisions will be based on:

- Alignment with program objectives and priorities
- Demonstrated financial need
- Quality, feasibility and sustainability of the proposed competition
- Developmental impact on Canadian athletes
- Geographic and strategic impact on the para dressage pathway
- Availability of funds

*Funding is not guaranteed and is subject to available resources.*



## Reporting Requirements

Successful applicants will be required to submit a [post-competition report](#) outlining:

- Use of grant funds
- Participation numbers
- Outcomes and key learnings
- Recommendations for future CPEDI competition delivery
- Failure to complete reporting requirements will limit the hold back payments and restrict the applicant from future funding until reporting is completed

## Application Timelines & Review Cycle

### Application Timelines

- The CPEDI Competition Development Fund will operate on an annual application cycle.
- Applications must be submitted no later than 150 days prior to the competition start date.
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

*Priority may be given to applications submitted earlier in the calendar year.*

### Review Cycle

Applications will be reviewed by EC in collaboration with relevant Para Dressage and High-Performance Advisory Group.

- Reviews will be conducted on a rolling basis, subject to available funds.
- Applicants will be notified of funding decisions within 50 days of application submission, where possible.
- Funding approvals are contingent upon:
  - Compliance with FEI and EC requirements
  - Availability of funds
  - Confirmation of competition sanctioning
  - If a prior recipient, all reports have been completed and filed with EC

## Funding Disbursement

Approved funds will be distributed according to an agreed-upon schedule, which will include:

- A partial advance 80% payment prior to the competition
- Final 20% payment upon receipt of required post-competition reporting