



2026 Fair Capital Improvements Application (One Project Per Form)

Purpose: The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association ("OHHA") Capital Improvements Program contributes to construction of and funds expenses for Capital Improvements solely to, or specifically for, a Standardbred Fair live racing program. This program is a "100% Matching Funds" grant program; all funds requested and approved must be matched in their entirety.

Rules:

Eligible fairs are those that host live standardbred racing in the year of receipt and have hosted live standardbred racing for at least three of the five preceding years. Total grant money distributed will be determined by the OHHA Board of Directors ("Board") on a yearly basis. The Board reserves the right to deny a grant for any reason, or no reason. Fairs are eligible to receive a grant every other year, with exceptions approved by the Board based on fund availability.

Grant monies must be used only for items, labor, or expenses related to the approved capital project.

Matching Funds can be satisfied with a loan or in-kind donations in an amount equal to the grant being requested. In-kind donations shall be reported with an estimate of the actual cash value and proof being provided with the application.

Deadlines:

(1) 2026 Initial Application for the grant due **October 31, 2025**.

2026 Initial Applications will be approved by **January 31, 2026**.

All approved applications will receive a Project Agreement from OHHA by **February 15, 2026**. The fair's matching funds will comprise the first 50% of the capital improvement with one payment made upon final completion of the capital improvement with verification of adherence to the terms of this agreement and a possible site inspection by OHHA representatives.

(2) 2026 Project Report and Request for Payment must be submitted **October 31, 2026**.

All paperwork and substantiating documents requested must be completed and received for final payment to be issued. Falsified information will be deemed an immediate breach of the application and grant agreement and will void the agreement.

Application Deadline: All deadline dates outlined in this application must be met. Submissions must be postmarked or received in the OHHA office by the deadline dates provided. Documents postmarked or received after the due date for any part of the process will not be considered. Documents can be emailed to sschroeder@ohha.com or sent via First Class mail to 2237 Sonora Drive, Grove City, Ohio 43123.

Description of Capital Improvements:

- A. Capital Improvements may include Buildings or Structures** used in conjunction with industry-specific live race day programs.
- B. Capital Improvements may include Equipment** needed for industry-specific live race-day programs or for buildings used in conjunction with said program.
- C. Capital Improvements may include Maintenance and Repairs** to an existing industry-specific structure or related equipment or for racetrack improvements.

The OHHA Board of Directors reserves the right to modify, alter, or eliminate this Grant Program in its complete discretion prior to any year's application date deadline. Any disputes as to the nature and scope of the Capital Improvements Program shall be resolved in the OHHA's sole and complete discretion.

A. Agricultural Society Information	
Name of Agricultural Society:	
Agricultural Society Contact Person:	
Fair Board President:	
Fair Board Treasurer:	
Fair Board Member:	
Agricultural Society E-mail Address: (primary contact)	
Mailing Address:	Physical Address:
Phone Numbers:	(Main) (Mobile) (Fax)
Agricultural Society EIN or Tax ID	
B. Fairground Ownership: Check the appropriate box reflecting ownership. (If more than one applies, please note and provide detail)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Society <input type="checkbox"/> County Commissioners (Ag. Society has a Lease) Other <input type="checkbox"/> Ownership	
Ownership Detail:	
C. Project Details:	
<u>1. Proposed Project:</u> Provide details on the proposed Capital Improvements Project. Include details on matching funds. Include anticipated completion date.	
Proposed Capital Project	

2. Projected Costs and Matching Funds Detail: Provide summary details on the proposed capital improvement's costs. Provide a breakdown of the matching fund contributions. Indicate whether loan, cash, or in-kind donations by amount. Please include documentation to verify matching funds.

(Include additional sheets, if necessary.)

	2026 Capital Project	Fair Board's Matching Funds
	Total \$ Amounts	Total \$ Amounts
Contractor's Costs		
Labor Expenses		
Material Costs (Not included above.)		
Other Costs		
Total Project Cost		

Include meeting minutes or other supporting documents verifying projected costs and matching funds approval. All applications require fair board approval. By signing below, all applicants certify that all regulatory approvals, costs, insurance, expenses, and risk of loss are on the fair board.

The OHHA in providing a grant disavows any potential liability of any kind that arises, prior to, during the course of, as a result of, or in any way related to the capital improvement. Applicants agree to indemnify and hold harmless the OHHA in its entirety and agrees not to seek liability against the OHHA and agrees to forever release and waive any and all claims it may ever possess or assert against the OHHA and all directors, employees, agents, officials, contractors, attorneys, of same in relation to the project.

Fair Board President Signature (Print Name and Date)

Fair Board Treasurer Signature (Print Name and Date)

Fair Board Member Signature (Print Name and Date)

For Office Use Only: Do not write in this space.

Fair Board Agreement Payment \$ _____
 Authorized by _____ Date _____