



2026 Feature Race Grant Program

Overview

OHHA's Feature Race Grant Program is designed to assist individual county fair race programs to increase the purse for a feature race or races. This could be an existing feature race or a feature race that the fair is considering. A feature race is a mainstay event, a race that would have a higher purse than the normal overnight events. This race should have a "story" element to it. For example, many races are named in memoriam of individuals or horses that have had an impact on racing in that county. A feature race should be newsworthy and can be used to promote fan attendance at the harness racing program.

Guidelines

1. **Grant application must be submitted by the County Fair Board seeking the Grant.**
2. Condition restrictions must state that the race be Ohio Sired or Ohio Owned preferred.
3. Grant money can be used as a purse supplement only for the specific race applied for.
4. Grant money will be added to the base purse the fair already provides. Fairs must add their own funds to the base purse in an amount at least commensurate with a 1:5 ratio (minimum 20%).
5. Any entry or starting fees taken for a Feature Race supplemented by a Grant must go into the base purse in their entirety.
6. Feature Races must have (5) five in the entry box, or the grant monies need to be returned to OHHA. That race can still be contested with a smaller field, but it will be without the OHHA grant funds.
7. If requesting a grant for more than one race, submit a separate application for each race.
8. You may attach additional information if necessary.
9. Fairs must be OHHA Associate members to receive a Feature Race Grant.

Application Deadline

Proposals must be postmarked on or before October 31, 2025. Applications postmarked after the due date will not be considered. You can email your application to sschroeder@ohha.com, fax to 614-221- 8726, or send via First Class mail to the address below. Once the application is received, we typically send an email confirmation to the contact person listed on the application form that it has been received. If you have not received an email confirmation, please assume we have not received the submission. If we haven't received a submission by the deadline date it may result in not being considered for a grant.

Final Report

No final report is required in 2026.

OHHA
Attn: Feature Race Grant
2237 Sonora Dr.
Grove City, OH 43123



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Must be submitted by October 31, 2025

Please use one form per race

Name of Fair: _____

City races are held in: _____

Date of Race: _____

Race Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount of money requested for 2026: _____ Projected Total Purse for 2026: _____

Conditions of race for 2026: _____

If this race was held in 2025 what were the conditions? _____

Story or History of Named Race: _____

What are your plans to publicize this feature race?

Fair Board Member Signature

(Print Name, Title, Date)

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