



## **ADS Grant Guidelines**

The American Driving Society Inc.(ADS) is able to provide support in the form of grants to qualified individuals, organizers and organizations, such as ADS member clubs (as approved by the Executive Committee of the ADS) to the extent that this grant funding does not impinge on the financial capacity of the ADS to fund itself in order to fulfill its commitments to its membership. *The purpose of these grants is to provide opportunity and to encourage the expansion and growth of the sport of carriage driving throughout the United States, to increase knowledge, competence and participation within the sport.* We encourage group clinics, (as opposed to clinics where individuals pay a fee for a lesson) and events (such as the ADS drives) with a broad reach where many can learn, participate and/or audit. We also encourage and support ADS Club events and functions.

### **Grant Eligibility Criteria**

An individual applying for a grant must be a current member of the ADS, an ADS member club or an ADS Region activity such as recreational drives.

### **Grant Application**

Eligible individuals and other entities may apply for a grant to offset their expenses. A grant application shall set forth at a minimum:

- the purpose and period for which the grant is requested;
- the estimated budget for the grant period;
- the individual's organizer's/organization's financial need for the requested grant

### **Grant Procedure**

The Executive Director will consider all grant applications from eligible individuals and organizations without regard to race, sex, age, religion, national origin, disability or any other status protected by law to individuals and organizations. Submission deadlines for applications are January 1, May 1, and September 1 of each year. The Executive Committee will schedule meetings following these dates to consider completed grant requests.

### **Obligations of Grant Recipients**

Each individual or organization who has received a grant from the ADS shall adhere to the following:

1. The individual shall maintain his/her amateur standing. The individual shall immediately notify the Executive Director in writing should he/she is no longer be considered an amateur athlete.
2. Each individual or organizer/organization who in any calendar year has received a grant from the ADS shall submit a completed ADS Grant Funds Activity Report.
3. *Individuals/organizers who accept grant funds are required, if asked, to participate in the fundraising activities of the ADS, which may include public appearances, endorsements for the ADS by the individual/organizer, providing participant lists, and related fundraising activities.*

### **Termination for Cause**

The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee shall at all times have the absolute power to terminate an individual's or organizer's eligibility or rescind a grant in the event that it determines that an individual or organizer has violated the terms of these guidelines or any other applicable statute or law. In the event that such violation is suspected, the individual or organizer will be notified in writing and given ten days to respond. The Executive Committee will meet and vote whether or not to terminate the grant.

### **Effect of Termination**

When an eligible individual or organizer loses eligibility, whether for cause or by completion of an individual's or organizer's goal, any unused grant funds shall be returned to the ADS, and all capital equipment leases shall terminate. An individual or organizer whose goal has been attained but anticipates a subsequent project may, upon appropriate showing, continue grant eligibility.