

--- Today's Date ---

03/27/2026

--- Name of 501(c)(3) Organization ---

Retired Racehorse Project

--- Federal Tax-Exempt ID# ---

27-1622725

--- Year Established ---

2010

--- Amount Requested ---

15000.00

--- Name of Executive Director ---

Kirsten Green

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--- Organization's website ---

<https://www.therrp.org>

--- Upload all supporting documents required for your application and your organization's most recent filed IRS Financial Statements (#990): ---

<https://www.terfusa.org/wp-content/uploads/wpforms/809-a07c4cb3463c1ac16da216b7fda5277e/Retired-Racehorse-Project-2024-990-11.14.25-ef1c9c532e1c122427ce48bc54bc60a7.pdf>

<https://www.terfusa.org/wp-content/uploads/wpforms/809-a07c4cb3463c1ac16da216b7fda5277e/3-2026-Board-Roster-629fc607f1e9492f1b9e017d1d4dfa2e.xlsx>

<https://www.terfusa.org/wp-content/uploads/wpforms/809-a07c4cb3463c1ac16da216b7fda5277e/2025-Major-Donors-2a1f79f49f7e79a7ef516c21d9e3cc69.pdf>

<https://www.terfusa.org/wp-content/uploads/wpforms/809-a07c4cb3463c1ac16da216b7fda5277e/2025-Grant-Report-e8301b36e575e1b20aa33db593dfa16e.pdf>

<https://www.terfusa.org/wp-content/uploads/wpforms/809-a07c4cb3463c1ac16da216b7fda5277e/2026-TERF-Budget-49bae008e230d3cdd9e4fb9278d1e965.xlsx>

--- Farm/Facility Name ---

N/A

--- 1. Brief mission statement and describe the distinguishing features of your organization that supports the mission of TERF and the relevance to this proposal. ---

The Retired Racehorse Project's mission is to facilitate placement of Thoroughbred ex-racehorses in second careers by increasing demand for them in equestrian sports and serving the farms, trainers, and organizations that transition them.

The RRP approaches this mission through three core tenets: inspiration, service, and education. These tenets, but particularly service and education, are in direct alignment of TERF's mission to support Thoroughbred health and welfare via educational programs, scholarships, and equine research. We believe the wellbeing and effectiveness of aftercare efforts are directly impacted by the knowledge, resources, and support available to post-racing owners.

--- 2. Briefly outline 3-5 goals for the requested funds and how these goals support your mission. ---

In 2026, the RRP partnered up with the Virginia Tech vet-med team at the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center to organize a pilot "Thoroughbred Wellness Expo". By renewing this event in 2027, we hope to:

-Equip Thoroughbred aftercare workers and post-racing owners with high-quality information on topics such as nutrition, orthopedic and soft tissue injuries, corrective shoeing, therapeutic treatments, proper reconditioning of ex-racehorses, and more

-Address common misconceptions or stereotypes associated to caring for Thoroughbreds  
-Provide a venue for like-minded horse owners to benefit from community-driven programming

--- 3. Provide a detailed description of the proposed project, how it is related to the mission of TERF and how it will impact the health and welfare of the horse. (Note: research applications should be understandable to a non-scientific audience and include sufficient detail and rigor for the scientific reviewers.) ---

The Thoroughbred Wellness Expo is a one-day event that will offer 3-4 seminars/demos on topics relating to Thoroughbred care and wellbeing. The RRP will work with staff of the Virginia Tech school of veterinary medicine to design these sessions to utilize facilities and technologies available at the Equine Medical Center as well as highlight faculty or third-party lecturers/subject matter experts.

Sessions will be recorded for online distribution to the public following the event.

The RRP staff will execute all event planning, administration, and marketing.

--- 4. Provide a timeline detailing the expected progress of the project and specific milestones. ---

Planning for the 2027 Wellness Expo will begin in the fourth quarter of 2026 and the event is tentatively scheduled for the last Saturday in February 2027.

--- 5. Provide a detailed budget for the projected use of the funds. (Note: no funds will be provided for administrative overhead or capital spending; TERF reserves the right to modify funding based on Foundation requirements). Attach budget to submitted proposal as needed. ---

The project budget has been uploaded

--- 6. Provide a list of all other sources of funding and the amount(s) received. ---

A modest registration fee of \$25 per attendee will be charged to offset the cost of a boxed lunch and refreshments

--- 7. Briefly summarize your charity's past public education and research efforts. ---

Public education is fundamental to the work of the RRP and so efforts are longstanding and on going. In the past two years alone the RRP has produced/hosted over 50 seminars, clinics, demos, or webinars. The entire 10-year archive of original articles from Off-Track Thoroughbred Magazine (our previous quarterly periodical) is available free of charge in our Education Library with new material added monthly, including the recordings from the pilot Wellness Expo <https://therrp.org/education>

Additional resources and materials are compiled and accessible under the "Education" menu of our website.

--- 8. If you received funding from TERF previously, describe how these funds were used and outcomes achieved. Include any relevant publicity your charity received relating to the funding. (i.e.: media coverage, such as news articles, scientific publications, provide links to copies, as appropriate). ---

The RRP has received funding from TERF almost consecutively at least as far back as 2015. Since 2022, the grant has supported Aftercare Industry Month (AIM) , a virtual conference run throughout the month of February with topics relevant to those working or with an interest in Thoroughbred aftercare. A copy of the report for 2025 funding that supported AIM 2026 has been uploaded.

--- 9. List other organizations or major contributors that have provided funding to your organization in the last calendar/fiscal year. For research grant applications, provide a list of all current funding relating to your current proposal. ---

A list of major donors has been uploaded

--- 10. Name a responsible person with whom TERF may communicate regarding specific questions and who will be responsible for follow-up information regarding the project. ---

Kirsten Green

--- 11. Provide appropriate references to support the proposed research. ---

N/A

--- 1. Name - Job Title ---

Kirsten Green, Executive Director

--- 1. Salary ---

88200

--- 1. Duties ---

Oversees all staff, programs, financials, and implementation of the organization's strategic plan under the supervision of the board of directors

--- 2. Name - Job Title ---

Kristen Bentley, Managing Director (Communications)

--- 2. Salary ---

70000

--- 2. Duties ---

The managing director is currently responsible for all communications-related work including social media, press releases and inquiries, ongoing contributions to the Education Library and other original content, editorial contributions to third-party publications. Oversees media contractors and serves as co-direct report for manager-level staff with executive director.

--- 3. Name - Job Title ---

Rayna Erasmus, Program Manager

--- 3. Salary ---

59000

--- 3. Duties ---

The primary duties of the program manager are show secretary responsibilities for the Thoroughbred Makeover, which includes customer service to participating trainers, coordinating application and registration submission and review, competition scheduling, management of contracted event officials, and updates and revisions to the event rulebook.

--- 4. Name - Job Title ---

Molly Hutchison, Operations Manager

--- 4. Salary ---

53000

--- 4. Duties ---

Coordinates logistics and event management/participation including shipping, booth arrangements, recruiting demo riders, horses, and clinicians, oversight of event service providers, coordination of vendor fair at the Makeover.

--- 5. Name - Job Title ---

Christian Ackman, Corporate Partnerships Manager

--- 5. Salary ---

55000

--- 5. Duties ---

Prospects and services all sponsor-type relationships, also serves as the volunteer coordinator at the Makeover.

--- 14. Add additional Information and Notes: ---

A roster of board members was uploaded in lieu of manual entry on page 4 of the application

Our staffing will likely change before this application is reviewed. It is current as of the submission date. Updates will be provided on request.