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## Racehorse Aftercare Funds Available

Minnesota Racing Commission is looking for 501(c) (3) charities to apply for funds

SHAKOPEE, Minn. (July 14, 2018) – The Minnesota Racing Commission (MRC) is seeking 501(c) (3) non-profit racehorse aftercare organizations that have been in operation at least one year to be considered for funding. The MRC is dedicated to preserving and protecting the quality of life of racehorses once their racing careers have ended. These funds are generated by legislation passed in 2015 to direct fines collected via rulings issued at Canterbury Park and Running Aces to be distributed to support racehorse adoption, retirement and repurposing.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ycjuw9pk> to download the application.

“The Minnesota Racing Commission is eager to help provide racehorse aftercare funds to organizations that will help retired racehorses find a safe and productive post-racing career. The Commission’s efforts, in combination with the already instituted programs of Canterbury Park, Running Aces and their horsepersons’ organizations, will further our goal to provide resources to care for these gifted animals,” stated Tom DiPasquale, Executive Director of the Minnesota Racing Commission.

Up to \$40,000 will be distributed to organizations that care for and repurpose Standardbreds, Quarter horses and/or Thoroughbred racehorses. The application for racehorse aftercare funds includes a questionnaire, limited financial reporting information, and documentation of 501(c) (3) status.

Organizations must submit applications by August 15, 2018 to be considered for funding.

For more information visit: <https://www.mrc.state.mn.us/>

*The Minnesota Racing Commission was established to regulate horse racing and card playing in Minnesota; to ensure that it is conducted in the public interest, and to take all necessary steps in ensuring the integrity of racing and card playing in Minnesota thus promoting the breeding of race horses in order to stimulate agriculture and rural agribusiness. More information can be found at [www.mrc.state.mn.us](http://www.mrc.state.mn.us).*

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