

RACEHORSE TRAINERS BENEVOLENT FUND

The Racehorse Trainers Benevolent Fund (RTBF) awards grants to current or formerly licensed racehorse trainers in Britain. Grants are awarded for the relief of financial hardship due to exceptional events beyond the control of the applicant.

Examples include accident, illness, family breakdown, bereavement, animal disease and environmental factors. Grants may also be awarded to assist with welfare problems where the beneficiary could not afford to pay for that assistance.

The RTBF makes grants to eligible individuals. All awards are discretionary and may be varied to meet exceptional circumstances.

If you are a current or former trainer needing support, read the Grant Criteria and Application Form below and contact the NTF Chief Executive on 01488 71719 or by email at rtbf@racehorsetrainers.org

History of the RTBF

In 2014, having acknowledged a lack of specific welfare support for trainers, the NTF proposed to the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) the creation of a trainers' benevolent fund using a system of deductions from prize money won by overseas-based trainers.

In 2015 the BHA approved a rule change whereby, in respect only of trainers based outside Great Britain, 2% of the trainer's share of prize money will be directed towards a benevolent fund for the benefit of British-based trainers. The fund will be jointly administered by the British Horseracing Authority and the National Trainers Federation.

A trust was set up in 2016 to administer the fund with trustees nominated by the BHA and NTF as well as two other independent trustees. The current trustees (at May 2017) are Rupert Arnold (NTF), Carole Goldsmith (BHA), Martin Fetherston-Godley and Henrietta Knight.