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Kentucky Equine Drug Research Council Meets, Requests Proposals to Fund Research Projects

LEXINGTON, KY (March 27, 2026) – The Kentucky Equine Drug Research Council convened at the office of Kentucky Horse Racing & Gaming on March 24, 2026, and stated it is “open for business” to receive proposals to fund equine research projects.

The Kentucky EDRC, established in KRS 230.265, is charged with advising KHRG on the conduct of equine drug research and testing commissioned by KHRG. The funds received by KHRG for Kentucky’s EDRC shall be used for financing drug research, testing research, equine medical research, equine health research issues, and any regulatory or administrative activity of KHRG related to equine drug research, testing, and health.

In authorizing expenditures, the EDRC and KHRG shall give funding priority to activities which will take place, or are proposed to take place, in Kentucky. However, expenditures for activities taking place outside Kentucky may be approved if it is determined the expenditures will contribute to improvement in Kentucky’s racing industry and to the development of a useful knowledge base relating to equine drug research, testing, and health. During the meeting, KHRG’s Equine Medical Director Dr. George Mundy provided members with [Strategic Objectives for 2026](#) to help guide the EDRC’s focus.

EDRC members, appointed by Governor Andy Beshear, include Chair Bill Landes, Dr. Michael Kilgore, Austin Luttrell, Dr. Andy Roberts, Mike Ziegler, Dr. Alan Ruggles, Rick Hiles, and Dr. John Park.

To learn more about Kentucky’s EDRC, including how to submit projects for consideration, contact Alicia Ritter at Alicia.Ritter@ky.gov.

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