

Legacy Fund Assessment Criteria

What we're looking for

We're excited by projects that are visionary, community-rooted, and aligned with the values and purpose of the Legacy Fund. Applications can be small (\$5k) or large (\$1m) and can span months or multiple years.

Your application should clearly show:

Strong alignment with our purpose and vision:

- **Purpose:** to support community rugby for all New Zealanders and development pathways to higher performance, and investment into support structures for all of rugby in New Zealand.
- **Vision:** to leave an enduring legacy for future generations
- **Connection to [Te Ara Ranga Tira](#) values:**
 - *Te Pou Hiranga* – Be our best: This includes projects aimed at kickstarting aspirational activities in a community – e.g. the first girls' rugby programme within a secondary school, Māori Rugby Development programme, Deaf Rugby coach/tour support, talent development programmes in a rural setting etc...
 - *Te Pou Maioha* – Be welcoming: This includes projects aimed at improving the manaakitanga of our rugby spaces and places – e.g. umukai facilities in clubs, accessibility ramps, gender neutral facilities, women's rugby coaching programmes etc...
 - *Te Pou Ihiihi* – Be passionate: This includes projects that facilitate/engage/stir up momentum within communities – e.g. project manager to coordinate and build a sports hub in a low decile environment, Aotearoa Pa Wars concept, Pasifika Governance Programme
 - *Te Pou Tika* – Play fair: This includes projects that fix up/future proof and maintain/revitalise places of historical significance – e.g. clubrooms upgrade, Rugby museum, field maintenance for places of historical significance

Deep community impact: Who benefits and how - across generations, cultures, and communities

Strategic alignment with:

- Sport NZ Community Strategy
- NZR Community Rugby Strategy (including Māori Rugby Plan, Pasifika Strategy, Women & Girls Plan, NZ Deaf Rugby Strategy and other NZR endorsed strategies and plans adopted from time to time)
- Local Provincial Union Strategic Plans and relevant Rugby Club Plans

- Local Regional Sports Trust Strategic Plans and Regional Spaces and Places Plans (weighted lower and only referenced where relevant)
- Local Council Long-Term Plans (and Regional plans)

Sustainability and intergenerational value

Innovation and cultural relevance

Good planning and partnerships

Alignment to one of the objects of the Legacy Fund and its charitable purposes:

- **Objects**
 - 1.2.1 To enhance the physical and mental wellbeing of people in NZ by fostering, developing, assisting and promoting the sport of Rugby Union (Rugby)
 - 1.2.2 To positively impact the lives of New Zealanders through participation, training and development programs accessible to all people in New Zealand.
 - 1.2.3 To improve and grow the capital assets of organisations responsible for the delivery of the sport of rugby in New Zealand.
 - 1.2.4 For these Objects to be aligned with Te Ara Ranga Tira (the Rugby Way) through the four pillars (Pou) of: Be Our Best (Te Pou Hiranga), Be Welcoming (Te Pou Maioha), Be Passionate (Te Pou Ihihi), & Play Fair (Te Pou Tika).

Means of achieving the objects:

- 1.3.1 Facilitate the development of rugby and coaching skills and coaching facilities for the benefit of all people in New Zealand.
- 1.3.2 Provide educational support for Rugby clubs, coaches, referees, officials and volunteers to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all people in New Zealand.
- 1.3.3 Provide financial and planning support to organisations responsible for the delivery of the sport of Rugby in New Zealand to invest in maintenance and enhancement of grounds, structures, facilities, systems and equipment. This includes initiatives to enhance the sustainability of Rugby clubs in New Zealand.
- 1.3.4 Provide programs and participation opportunities that enhance physical and mental well-being through the sport of Rugby in New Zealand.
- 1.3.5 Provide investment support into technology that will enhance engagement and delivery of rugby, to organisations responsible for the delivery of the sport of rugby in New Zealand and participants in Rugby.

Charitable Purposes

- any recreational or sporting facilities supported by the Trust shall be primarily for **grassroots rugby** and shall be **available for the public to use**;
- any investment support into capital assets and technology shall be to facilitate the **delivery of grassroots rugby at the community level**;
- any training and development shall be to nurture and grow the skills needed to administer and coach the game of rugby at the **grassroots, community level**; and
- any benefits to high-performance or elite sport or athletes shall be strictly inadvertent, indirect, and incidental to the **overriding imperative to benefit grassroots rugby** in New Zealand for the purpose of promoting health through public participation in sport.

We're not looking for perfection, we're looking for potential.

Remember that you can talk to your local Provincial Union, or contact our team at legacyfund@nzrugby.co.nz