

Legacy Fund FAQs

Q: What is the Legacy Fund?

A charitable trust that distributes the annual earnings from a \$60 million perpetual fund held separately by New Zealand Rugby under the funds own investment policy. The Fund is dedicated to growing grassroots rugby in Aotearoa.

Q: Who can apply?

Any eligible, legally incorporated organisation connected to community rugby in New Zealand.

Q: Is this a replacement for other funding?

No, this is designed to complement existing funding sources and support ideas that create long-term, transformational change.

Q: What kind of projects are you looking for?

Anything which will have a long term, positive impact on Kiwi communities through rugby. Think legacy. Think intergenerational.

Q: My community is based outside of New Zealand, can I apply?

No, all investments shall be limited to initiatives targeted in New Zealand.

Q: Can I apply for a small amount of funding?

Yes. The Legacy Fund may support small, medium and large-scale projects, provided they meet the eligibility and funding settings.

Q: My council owns the lights and grounds at my rugby club but we really need new lights. Am I eligible even if the assets would be owned by council?

Yes - the Legacy Fund is about ensuring long-term impact and in many cases, it is better long term for assets to be held by different organisations, and we encourage partnering with other organisations to achieve our goals. Applications will be assessed against charitable benefit and legacy outcomes, regardless of asset ownership.

Q: We want to invest in commercial activity in our clubrooms to help us drive revenue for our club, am I eligible?

Yes - solving long term financial sustainability is essential for the next generation. Commercial activity may be considered where it demonstrably supports long-term

financial sustainability and charitable outcomes, and is not the primary purpose of the funding. The Legacy fund will not support any alcohol initiatives.

Q: I need a lot of money, can the Legacy Fund partially fund projects once I have sourced other additional funding streams?

Yes - co-funding arrangements for larger projects are encouraged.

Q: Should the grant amount we ask for include or exclude GST?

- If you are a non-GST registered organisation, the Grant amount you apply for needs to include the GST that will be included in the costs of goods and services you will pay for, related to your project.
E.g. if you need \$10,000 – including GST – towards your project, then \$10,000 is the Grant amount you should apply for. If your Grant application is successful, the amount you receive is Grant income to your organisation and no GST is payable to Inland Revenue given you are not GST registered.
- If you are a GST registered organisation, the Grant amount you apply for needs to exclude GST that you can recover from the IRD. In your Grant application, the GST exclusive costs of your project should be set out and totalled. E.g. if you need \$10,000 – excluding GST – towards your project and can fully recover GST on costs from the IRD, then \$10,000 is the Grant amount you should apply for. GST will be an additional cost to you but will be able to be recovered from the IRD (as you are GST registered).

Applicants should seek independent tax advice if unsure of their GST position.

Q: How do I get support with my application?

You can contact the Legacy Fund team at legacyfund@nzrugby.co.nz for guidance.

Q: I have feedback — where can I send it?

We welcome feedback and learning as the Legacy Fund continues to evolve. Please email legacyfund@nzrugby.co.nz.