

Legacy Fund FAQs

Q: What is the Legacy Fund?

A registered charity that distributes the annual earnings from a \$60 million perpetual fund held by New Zealand Rugby. The Fund is dedicated to growing grassroots rugby in Aotearoa.

Q: Who can apply?

Any community organisation connected to rugby with a bold idea and community support.

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: How do I get support with my application?

Reach out to us via legacyfund@nzrugby.co.nz We're here to help refine your idea and connect you to the right people.

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: I only want \$5,000 to help me start the first girls' rugby team at my school, am I eligible?

Yes - the Legacy Fund has can fund small, medium and large-scale projects.

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.

Q: My iwi is not formally connected to our local provincial union or club, but we want to start a historical pa competition, am I eligible?

Yes, the Legacy Fund has an open-door approach to applications, but we would encourage you to get the support of your local Provincial Union to help support your ideas.

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 will certainly be considered, but not for 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: I am interested in donating or making a bequest to the Legacy Fund. What are the next steps?

If you love rugby and want to support its future, we invite you to reach out to the Legacy Fund Manager via email legacyfund@nzrugby.co.nz

Q: I've got some feedback for you – where can I send it?

This is the first year of the Legacy Fund and we're focused on having the greatest impact on community rugby. All feedback is welcome, and please send through to legacyfund@nzrugby.co.nz