



December 2022

This fund will improve clubs' toilets. Projects must focus on the club's toilet provision that caters for their clubhouse and social space. The funding cannot be used towards the improvement of toilets within a changing room. The fund can be used in conjunction with the sanitary package fund.

What is available?

Grants of £5,000 will be awarded to clubs to upgrade their female toilet provision. This can include creation of new toilets or the refurbishment of existing facilities. Where possible, all improvements should incorporate the information in the <u>RFU</u> <u>Design Guide to Toilet Facilities</u>.

Who can apply?

Any rugby union club that complies with RFU Regulations can apply.

Do we need Security of Tenure?

To maximise the reach of this fund, applicants will not need to demonstrate security of tenure.

Do we need partnership funding?

Whilst not essential, it is desirable that clubs make a partnership funding contribution of at least 50% to these projects but this can be for works carried out 'in-kind'.

What items can we spend the funding on?

The grant should be used to improve female toilet provision, including (but not restricted to) the following:

- Energy saving technology
- Fixtures and fittings eg mirrors
- Free standing items eg bins
- General female friendly decoration and refurbishment
- General repairs

- Installation of new/ replacement hand dryers
- Lighting
- Sanitary provision
- Installation of new/ replacement toilet units
- Installation of new/ replacement washbasins
- Installation/construction of upgraded infrastructure

How do we apply?

Applications for year one can be made by completing a simple <u>online application</u> form which will go live on **December 5th 2022** and close on **January 31st 2023**. Clubs will need to provide basic information, a description of their project including the impact it will have on making the club more Inclusive and 'before' photos. The club will also need to submit any designs for their project and identify an outline cost.

How do we know if we have been successful?

Applications will be assessed and prioritised for funding based on the following criteria:

- Existing engagement with women and girl's rugby
- Future impact on engagement of females within the club facilities

If successful, award agreements will be sent out in February or March 2023 and must be accepted by **31 March 2023**.

When will we receive the funding?

The grant will be released once the project is completed and conditions have been satisfied. Clubs will need to submit 'after' photos and may be required to supply evidence of expenditure if requested. All projects must be completed and ready for the start of the 2023/24 season.

What will our long-term commitments be if we receive a grant?

Clubs will have to sign up to ongoing monitoring of the impact of the new provision.

How can we access support for our application?

Application support will be provided through online guidance, including 'How to Apply' Demo Videos, accessible via the application portal. If you need any other help please use our <u>FAQs</u> or visit our <u>Community Rugby Help Portal</u> where you can find answers to most questions or raise a Help Request if you still need assistance.

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