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INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUND GUIDELINES



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■ FUND OVERVIEW

The Infrastructure Investment Fund is a fantastic opportunity for clubs to make real improvements to their training and competitive environment for players, coaches, referees and volunteers. NSWRL encourages clubs to read the guidelines and, if eligible, apply for funding by following the process contained within this document.

The Infrastructure Investment Fund will provide financial assistance for all eligible Rugby League clubs, associations and local councils, across the state, with the aim of supporting the upgrade and improvement of rugby league facilities and infrastructure.

■ FUND OBJECTIVES

- 1. Elevate Facility Playing Standards**
Enable a safe playing experience across all NSW Rugby League clubs
- 2. Create More Inclusive Facilities**
Create more inclusive environments across all Rugby League clubs
- 3. Unlock Additional Capacity**
Grow capacity of Rugby League facilities to enable future growth
- 4. Create a more connected network**
Create a more connected and aligned environment between NSWRL, Clubs and





■ GUIDELINES FOR ELIGIBILITY

- Clubs have completed club facility audit – speak to your local NSWRL staff to complete your facility audit.
- Clubs must have completed a NSWRL Health Check within the last 12 months - speak to your local NSWRL staff to complete.
- Clear demonstration of alignment to the NSWRL Infrastructure Strategy, i.e. the Fund objectives
- Projects must be in NSW
- Applicant has demonstrated the 50% or more financial co-contribution, either from the club or other sources e.g. other grant funding, local council, sponsors.
- Projects must be 'shovel ready' and have received all the required quotes and development approvals from their local council prior to submitting the application.
- For projects that don't require development approvals, applicants must provide a letter from council stating that a development application is not required.
- Applicants should consider a contingency within the project budget, 5% being the minimum.

■ FUNDING AVAILABLE

- The minimum amount requested under Infrastructure Investment Fund is \$20,000
- The maximum amount requested under the Infrastructure Investment Fund is limited to a maximum of 50% of the total project cost with a maximum of \$150,000
- Applications for more than \$150,000 will be considered on a case-by-case basis by NSWRL. Noting any amount requested over \$150,000 must not be more than 50% of the total project cost.
 - For example:
 1. Applicant applies for \$250,000; the total project is \$1,000,000 – this application is eligible
 2. Applicant applies for \$250,000; the total project is \$400,000 – this application is ineligible as \$250,000 represents more than 50% of the total project cost.
- If there are not enough projects to expend the allocated funding in a particular year, the funding will be rolled over to the next year.
- For scoreboards, the requested amount can be below the minimum of \$20,000. Although the Infrastructure Investment Fund will only fund only up to 50% of the total cost.
- NSWRL will have final discretion on how much funding is released each year.





■ ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- All affiliated NSW Rugby League clubs and associations across NSW and ACT are eligible
- Local government authorities (LGAs) in NSW
- Schools – only where Rugby League clubs are using the venue or have an agreement to use a school venue

■ INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Individuals
- Private companies
- Unaffiliated rugby league clubs
- Other sporting codes

■ ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

The Infrastructure Investment Fund can be used for upgrading existing or constructing new Rugby League facilities that demonstrate inclusive and accessible design and maximise community participation.

Examples of eligible project types and project components include:

- **New or upgraded natural turf fields which could include:**
 - Drainage
 - Irrigation
 - Field resurfacing
 - Synthetic surfaces
- **Amenity buildings which could include:**
 - Complete knock down and rebuild
 - Player and Referee Changeroom upgrades
 - Canteen upgrades
 - Grandstands
 - Storage
 - Other components within the building that builds capacity
- **Lighting**
 - New or upgrading
 - New poles and/or light fittings
- **Scoreboards**

If you are unsure if your project is eligible, please contact NSWRL for confirmation prior to starting your application.





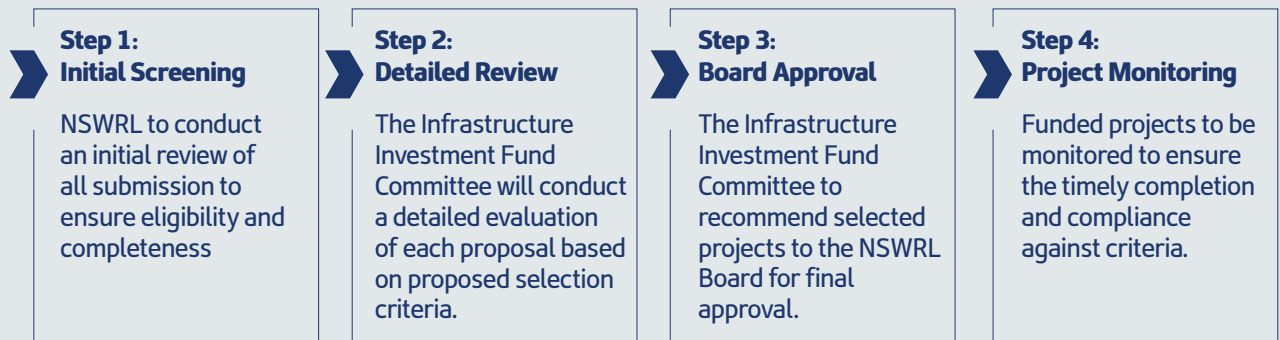
■ INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

The Infrastructure Investment Fund will not fund the following projects or project components:

Facilities that are not used for Rugby League activities

- Infrastructure upgrade on NRL venues/stadiums
- Purchase or lease of land/facility
- Costs affiliated, design, or development stages including feasibility studies, business cases and masterplans
- General maintenance or repair of normal wear and tear of facilities, e.g. painting, running costs and minor repairs.
- General administration or operating expenses, e.g. rent or wages
- Ancillary infrastructure e.g. car park
- Projects that have already been completed

■ ASSESSMENT PROCESS



Throughout the assessment process NSWRL may request additional information from the applicant.





■ EVALUATION AND REPORTING

All successful applicants are required to complete an acquittal form within three months of the project's completion. The acquittal must include a summary of how the funds were used, outcomes achieved, and photographic evidence showcasing the project in action. This information helps demonstrate the value and impact of the grant program and supports future funding opportunities.

■ NOTIFICATION OF OUTCOMES

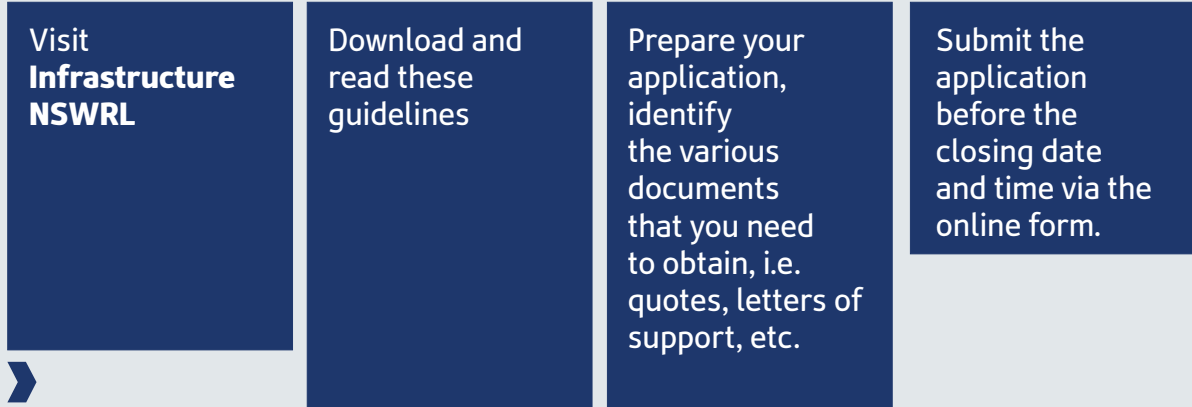
Once the recommendations have been made, all applicants will be notified in writing and details of successful projects will be published on the NSW Rugby League website.

NSW Rugby League will contact the successful applicants to finalise the project milestones and establish a funding agreement.





HOW TO APPLY



TIMELINES

Applications OPEN	Friday 29 May
Applications CLOSE	Wednesday 29 July at 2pm
Assessment by NSWRL	August
Approval by NSWRL Board	August/September
Announcement to successful applicants	September



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