



# COMMUNITY RUGBY FUND



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Rugby Canada Community Rugby Fund is a program that offers a wide breadth of grants aimed to benefit the sustainability and growth of rugby across Canada. The Fund, presented by Rugby Canada and Sport Canada allows all registered rugby clubs, as well as schools and community organizations in Canada, to apply for funding based on the guidelines and criteria provided by the program. A key part of **Rugby Canada's 2024 – 2027 & Beyond Strategic Plan**, the Fund provides valuable funding to support Canada's rugby community in uniting our people, building inclusivity into our game, and growing our game for all to enjoy. All submissions will be given equal consideration.



**NATHAN BOMBRYNS**

*CEO, Rugby Canada*

“Rugby Canada is excited to bring back the Community Rugby Fund again in 2024. We value the work that our clubs across Canada do to drive our sport forward and we as Rugby Canada are committed to our role of leading, governing and supporting the rugby clubs to grow the game at the community and grassroots level. Since 2021, a total of 27 rugby clubs, schools or community organizations across Canada have benefited from important funding provided by the Community Rugby Fund. We are pleased to be able to continue to support this initiative that aims to support our clubs in their efforts to grow the game and achieve greater sustainability. We believe the Community Rugby Fund will continue to have a positive impact on rugby clubs and communities across Canada.”

## SPORT CANADA COMMUNITY SPORT FOR ALL INITIATIVE

Rugby Canada is proud to be selected as participant in Sport Canada's Community Sport for All Initiative. The initiative seeks to remove barriers and increase sport participation rates for underrepresented groups. Its key objective is to support community sport initiatives for equity-deserving groups, in particular, Black, Indigenous, 2SLGBTQI+, and newcomers to increase participation and retention in sport.



# HOW IT WORKS



## STEP ONE THE IDEA

A community organization identifies an opportunity to grow and develop or unify rugby's values within their local community.



## STEP TWO THE APPLICATION

A project lead completes the electronic application and submits to Rugby Canada by February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024



## STEP THREE THE PROJECT

Successful community organizations receive funding to support projects. Rugby Canada will work in partnership with successful projects to promote the great work that is being done to cultivate community rugby

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# FUNDS AVAILABLE

*Community Organizations can apply for any of the 4 fund amounts:*

**\$1000**

**\$2,500**

**\$5,000**

**\$10,000**



# ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES

Eligible projects include those that cultivate, develop and protect the community game, specifically focusing on:

## CULTIVATE

Enhancing **INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND ACCESSIBILITY** of rugby within a club, educational institution or community organization, particularly for Black, Indigenous, 2SLGBTQI+ and newcomers to Canada

Creating new programs or the development of existing programs that aim introduce **WOMEN AND/OR GIRLS** to the game of rugby.\*

Creating or developing a **SCHOOL TO CLUB PATHWAY** to increase the number of registered players participating in club rugby

Offering **MIXED ABILITIES RUGBY** programming within a local community.

## DEVELOP

Creating and/or delivering **YOUTH LEADERSHIP** in rugby programming benefiting underrepresented groups. \*

Building program delivery capacity through the development of **COACHES AND/OR MATCH OFFICIALS** within the rugby community.\*

Increasing the planning and organization for programming through the development of **RUGBY DEVELOPMENT PLANS**.

## UNIFY

Cultivating opportunities that promote the game to non-traditional rugby communities and indigenous athletes.

Supporting the implementation of **SAFE SPORT** training and policies for members.

Funding to support capacity building for organizational leadership in a rugby club, school, or community organization.

Funding to support **RESEARCH** which focuses on game welfare or cultivating rugby in the community.

\* Indicates a Priority Project [CLICK HERE](#) to see the 2023 successful applications.



# TERMS & CONDITIONS OVERVIEW

## PRIORITY PROJECTS

All applications will be reviewed in accordance with the criteria set out in the Official Terms and Conditions. Priority will be given to those Rugby Club, School or Community Organizations that applies for grant funding within the Cultivate and/or Develop project type as referenced on page three in this document. Special consideration will be given to projects that seek to:

- Develop a school or community to club pathway for underrepresented youth to increase the number of registered rugby players participating in club rugby.
- Enhance or support participants that are Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, or newcomers to become involved with or stay involved with rugby.
- Build program delivery capacity for underrepresented youth through the development of Coaches and/or Match Officials within the rugby community.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

To be eligible for funding, the applicant must be one of the following:

- A Rugby Club registered and in good standing with a Provincial Union.
- A School with or without rugby programming that is seeking to develop or enhance their programs.
- A Community Organization with or without rugby programming that is seeking to develop or enhance their programs.

The primary purpose of the Rugby Club, School or Community Organization should be to deliver playing and training opportunities for community rugby.

## EXPECTATIONS OF APPLICANTS

Successful applicants will be expected to:

- Complete a report about what the funding supported, how it impacted the local rugby community, and include details on number of participants reached as well as participant images and quotes.
- Provide invoices upon completion of the project that are consistent with their expenditure and the work detailed in the original application.
- Submit photos highlighting participants engaging in the project.
- Submit quotes from the organizations leaders, project participants, and beneficiaries of the project to be used by Rugby Canada for promotional purposes.

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Ability to identify and address an issue in the community and a clear approach to providing a solution.
- Quality and clarity of the project description.
- A detailed and complete project budget that reflects the project description.
- Alignment with the 2021 priority projects that are described in the Eligibility section of the Official Terms and Conditions document.
- Alignment with the outcomes of the Community Sport for All criteria to increase the participation of youth in underrepresented communities.

## WHAT IS NOT COVERED

The Community Rugby Fund will not cover:

- General Running Costs of a facility i.e. Heat and Hydro
- Coaching or Program Staff Salaries

For more details on Eligibility Criteria, Expectations of Applicants, Evaluation Criteria as well as what's not covered by the fund, please visit the [Official Terms and Conditions](#).





# APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be completed electronically using the online application and submitted to [communityfund@rugby.ca](mailto:communityfund@rugby.ca). The deadline for applications is February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 11:59PM PST.

## ADDITIONAL FUNDING CONDITIONS (LEGAL)

Rugby Canada reserves the right to withhold funding from any successful application should the work detailed in copy invoices differ from the application details.

Applicants that commence work prior to a funding decision being reached do so at their own risk and should not rely on funding being granted.

The final amount of any award is at the discretion of Rugby Canada and may be less than the amount requested in any application.

All awards may be subject to additional terms and conditions imposed at the discretion of Rugby Canada.



# COMMUNITY APPLICATION

**[CLICK HERE TO BEGIN](#)**

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By clicking the link above, you will be directed to the Community Application Form. This form has been created as a fillable PDF form. In order to complete this document electronically you will need Adobe Reader (version 8.1) or newer. This file must be downloaded and saved before being completed.

If you are not using the Adobe Reader, either on a Mac or a PC, please do so. You can download Adobe Reader for both Macs and PCs here: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>



Mac users, please note, to complete the form, ensure that you have opened the document in Adobe Reader (version 8.1) or newer and not the Mac default 'Preview' application.