



RUGBY LEAGUE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND



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a. The Rugby League landscape in Queensland

With 370 clubs located from the border in the south to the Torres Straits in the north, Mt Isa in the west and all communities in between Rugby League is truly a Queensland wide sport.

From communities and clubs in our largest and fastest growing regions in the south-east to the remote clubs in the west, Cape and Torres Strait there is clearly an identified need for our game to work closely with all forms of government, external partners and our leagues and clubs to be able to provide quality infrastructure for all who utilise and visit rugby league venues every week.

In February 2023, the QRL released their Queensland Rugby League Infrastructure Strategy.



[QRL Infrastructure Strategy](#)

The **QRL Infrastructure Strategy** sets out Queensland's **major Rugby League infrastructure priorities for collective support and investment** that will **sustain and grow the game in Queensland** and meet the ever-changing needs of Queensland's Rugby League community.

The Infrastructure Strategy also establishes a **consistent framework to guide future infrastructure investment** to ensure the long-term interests of the game in Queensland are maintained and enhanced.



b. What is the Rugby League Infrastructure Fund and how will it support the growth of the game in Queensland through enhanced facility development

The Rugby League Infrastructure Fund provides funding to assist community rugby league clubs and leagues and local governments to develop Rugby League facilities across Queensland.

The aim of the program is to, as per the QRLIS is to:

- 1. Sustainably maintain existing capacity at venues**
- 2. Create additional capacity at rugby league venues across Queensland**
- 3. Develop increased inclusive facilities across rugby league venues**
- 4. Create venues with credible talent pathway facilities**
- 5. Promote increased funding and investment support across the game**

c. How did the Rugby League Infrastructure Fund start?

The QRL and the Department of Tourism and Sport have partnered to develop this funding program.

The QRL, through its own funding, along with a matching contribution from the Queensland Government's Department of Tourism and Sport has committed to matching this Government investment to improve the experience of participants who play Rugby League across Queensland.

Improving sporting and active spaces is a key priority of the Queensland Government's Activate Program to get Queenslanders healthy and active through a co-designed and co-developed process.



2. WHO CAN APPLY?

All affiliated leagues, clubs and councils with rugby league clubs based at their venues can apply for the funding.

3. HOW CAN YOU APPLY?

All eligible entities can apply for funding through the use of the QRL Infrastructure Application form. The QRL will be able to work with league and clubs and all interested parties to ensure that they are prepared prior to application.



[QRL Infrastructure Application Form](#)

4. WHAT DO YOU NEED TO APPLY?

To be able to apply clubs must be “shovel ready” and have received all the required quotes and development approvals from their local council.

All applications must have:

- › Drafted plans from a registered builder or modular construction company for changerooms, clubhouses etc.
- › Lighting Plans including lux charts that are site specific (for projects incorporating lighting) and adhere to Australian Lighting Standards for Sporting Venues:
 - AS 2560.2:2021 Sports Lighting
 - AS 4282:2023 Obtrusive Lighting
- › Quotes and/or internal cost estimates for all
- › Evidence of confirmation of funding sources if applicable
- › Letters of support from council, school, elected government representatives
- › Landowner consent documentation to demonstrate land tenure or support from the landowner (in most cases the local government).

5. WHAT PROJECTS WILL BE FUNDED?

Projects that align to aims of the program, the QRLIS identified in 1c and the NRL Minimum Facility Standards.

Major Considerations will focus on:

- › Inclusive facilities including changerooms and accessibility toilets
- › Lighting Project
- › Field upgrades
- › Regional / rural / remote
- › School sites
- › Canteen upgrades

6. WHAT WILL NOT BE FUNDED?

Projects that do not align with the objectives of the QRLIS or the NRL Minimum Facility Standards or projects that are not supported by the landowner or link to DTS strategic directions.



7. WHO WILL ASSESS THE APPLICATIONS?

A Project Control Group has been developed that will oversee the program and evaluate the applications on a quarterly basis. The PCG was established to make decisions on funding applications, guide and oversee project implementation. The PCG will be made up of representatives from the QRL and the Department of Tourism and Sport.

It is anticipated that funding requests will align to other grant programs or independent fundraising activities that support the delivery of their projects but understand that projects may arise from time to time that may require urgent funding assistance. All will be looked at independently and will be considered on a case by case basis.

8. HOW MUCH CAN A LEAGUE, CLUB OR COUNCIL APPLY FOR?

Grant amounts:

- › Minor – under \$50 000 (fixed equipment to be considered in guideline development under minors)
- › Major - \$50 001 to \$150 000

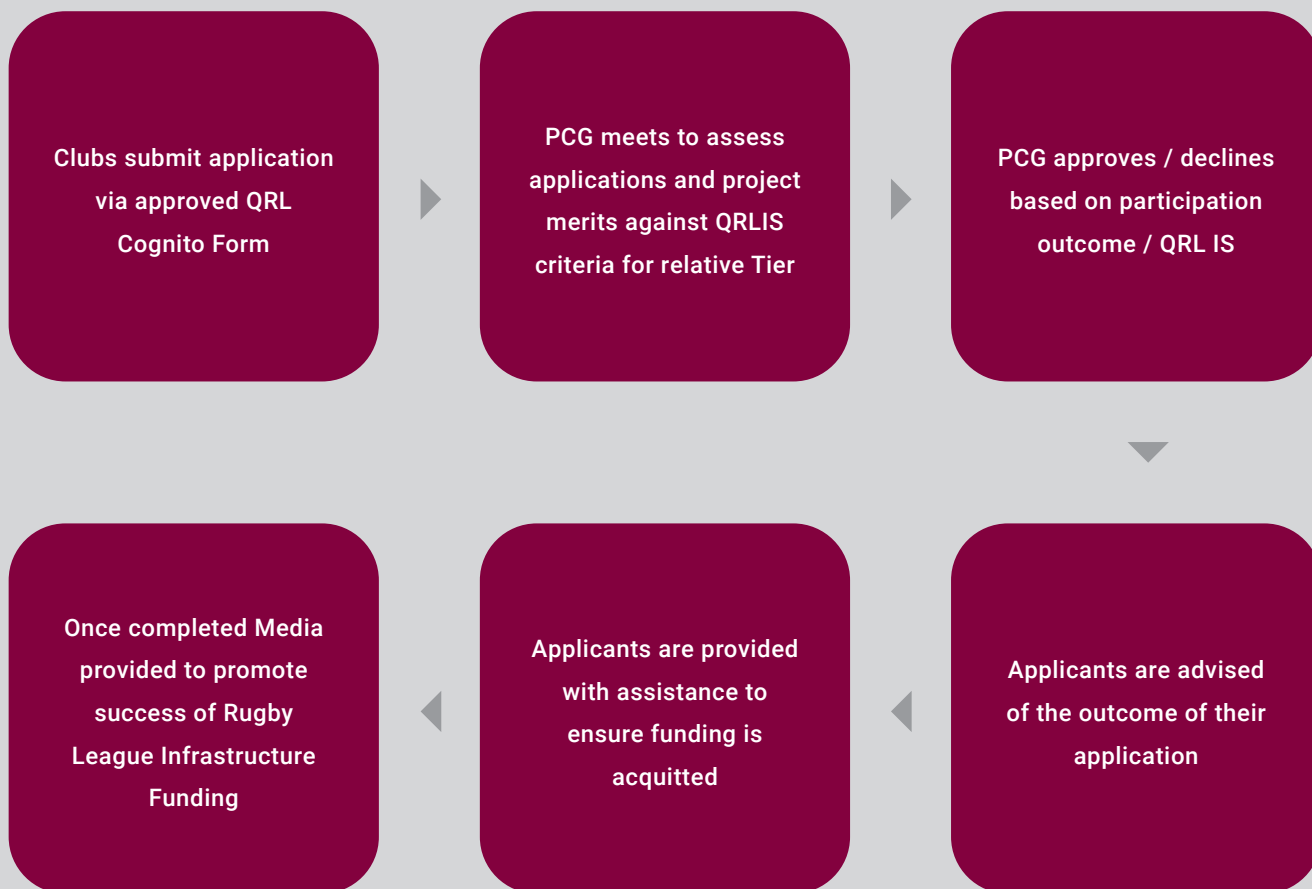
(Over \$150 000 considered on a case by case by the PCG)

9. ACKNOWLEDGING THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT AND PROMOTING SUCCESS

Successful applicants need to acknowledge the support of the Queensland Government and QRL to assist the delivery of the Project through the Fund by logo presentation on any activity-related publications, media releases, promotional material and placement of a permanent Government/QRL endorsed sign/plaque at the site during construction and upon completion of the project. The Queensland Government Minister for Sport is to be given the opportunity to participate in any formal activity associated with the progress or completion of a project including an official opening or launch. A sufficient notice period of four – eight weeks should be allowed.



DECISION MAKING PROCESS:





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