



***Energy for
Tomorrow***



Introduction

The Scottish Gas Energy for Tomorrow Fund provides an opportunity for rugby clubs to access matched funding, specialist energy advice through mwclubb Architectural Services and crowdfunding support from Crowdfunder to deliver sustainable facility improvements and reduce long-term operating costs.

The fund is designed to support clubs in becoming more environmentally sustainable by enabling energy-efficiency improvements that create greener, healthier and warmer club facilities for players, volunteers, and local communities. Through tailored energy-efficiency advice and access to grant funding, clubs can reduce energy consumption, lower carbon emissions and improve the quality and resilience of their facilities.

The projects should be identified through the recommendations in the club's *mwclubb Architectural Services* retrofit survey and aligned to the club's Club Development Plan. Before an application is made, applicants are expected to have engaged with their Rugby Development regional team as well as mwclubb Architectural Services and have formed an internal Club Project Team. Projects should demonstrate a clear commitment to environmental improvement and the positive impact that the proposed project will have on the club and wider community.



Fund Process



How to Apply

- Clubs must complete the online application form. Only applications submitted via the online form will be considered.
- Clubs should include a full explanation of the project, including demonstrating the need and the positive impact the project will have.
- Applications will be open from Monday 2 November 2026 - Sunday 31 January 2027.
- Outcomes of the application process will be communicated to clubs by 28 February 2027.

Application Guidance

Application Requirements	What should applications demonstrate?
 Early engagement and proposal: Engage your regional team and build a strong project proposal before applying	 Community Connection: Show a strong local connection and explain how the club will work with partners, volunteers and stakeholders to deliver positive environmental and social outcomes
 Retrofit assessment: Complete the retrofit survey and obtain a retrofit report from <i>mwclubb Architectural Services</i>	 Project Team: Have a suitably skilled team in place, combining volunteers and professional expertise to manage, deliver and sustain the project
 Club Development Plan: Show the project is identified in your plan, with completed Plan to Achieve documentation	 Community Leadership: Demonstrate how the club sits at the heart of its community and helps individuals, organisations and communities adopt more sustainable practices
 Community support: Evidence meaningful community engagement and broad local backing	 Lasting Impact: Show how the project will create long-term impact, encourage participation and open up opportunities for collaboration
 Ability to Deliver: Demonstrate clear planning, achievable objectives and capacity to deliver on time and within funding conditions	 Inclusive, Sustainable Future: Explain how the project uses the power of sport to build a more inclusive and sustainable future, with benefits extending beyond the club
 Facility: Own the facility, or apply on behalf of a public body that owns and operates it, with a long-term agreement in place	 Environmental Ambition: Show how the project supports wider community ambitions, including progress towards net-zero objectives

Additional Funding Considerations

- Eligibility and the granting of any funding awards will be based on any relevant criteria that Scottish Rugby may reasonably apply.
- Successful applicants that do not reach their fundraising target will not receive match funding and may be encouraged to strengthen their campaign before reapplying in a future funding round.
- To receive the funding, successful applicants will have to provide proof of spend upon completion of the project that are consistent with the expenditure and work detailed in the original application.
- Clubs 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 Scottish Rugby 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 Scottish Rugby.

- If the club is not registered for VAT or is not in a position to have the costs zero-rated for VAT purposes (as is sometimes the case for charities approved by HMRC) it is essential that the VAT burden is included in the application costs. Scottish Rugby recommends that each club consults with their local VAT office on the scope to obtain exemption or partial exemption from VAT for the relevant project.

Data Protection

To the extent that any information provided as part of this application constitutes 'personal data' Scottish Rugby will use and process that information in accordance with its privacy policy, which can be found at scottishrugby.org/privacy-policy. If intending to submit information about an individual which constitutes personal data before doing so you should ensure that the individual is made aware of that fact, the purpose for which it is being provided and has consented to you doing so. The information you provide us will be held on file, which may be paper and/or electronic. We will use this information to process applications and grants, to prepare statistics and to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of grants made.

Additional Terms and Conditions

- Scottish Rugby accepts no liability for any consequences, whether direct or indirect, that may arise from the use of a grant, from any requested repayment of a grant, or from any application for a grant being declined.
- In the event that Scottish Rugby is made aware of any inconsistencies or misrepresentations on an application form which lead to the provision of a grant to a club, Scottish Rugby reserves the right to request that such sums are repaid within timescales determined by Scottish Rugby (whether or not the club has already spent such a grant). In the event that such timescales are not met, Scottish Rugby reserves the right to deduct any sums owed from any future funding offered by Scottish Rugby, including without limitation the Club Sustainability Fund.





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