

# Sport & Recreation Facilities Investment Fund 2026/2027 - Contestable Process

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### About the fund

The Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund (SRFIF) was established to support the development of sport and recreation facilities that create the opportunity for more Aucklanders to participate in and benefit from sport and recreation.

The Long-term Plan 2024 - 2034 allocated \$150 million over 10 years, with an additional \$35 million of funding over three years (FY26-FY28), making a total SRFIF budget of \$185 million.

The fund provides grant investment to non-council facility projects that:

- address sport and recreation infrastructure shortfalls
- respond to changing participation preferences
- deliver value-for-money by leveraging third-party investment
- help Aucklanders to live healthy, active lives.

The fund delivers on objective 9 of [Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy](#) - Deliver a fit for purpose, future proofed facility network that makes the most of what we have.

Please **read through the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund Guidelines** before completing this form.

- The application period opens **9:00am Monday 25 May 2026**
- The application period closes **11:59pm Friday 19 June 2026**

By submitting this information you consent to information provided, being shared with Auckland Council departments, Sport NZ, Active, Regional Sports Trusts and third-party funders.

All applications must be submitted online using this form. This form can be saved as you go and will autosave each time you move to a new page.

Please contact [sportandrecreation@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:sportandrecreation@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) if you have any questions about the fund.

### Submitting an application

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Capital development projects can be complex, technical and span a long period of time. Strong applications are most often as a result of proactive planning ahead of the funding round.

The lists below outline the key documents or information you will require. You will be required to meet all of the requirements / enter all details for the first two lists; eligibility and generic details.

- **Needs assessment** - all applicants should be able to articulate **why** the proposed facility is required (scale / scope / specifications) in the proposed location

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- **Total project cost** - all applicants are required to provide a total project cost. This is the sum of all planning, investigation, design, consents / approvals and construction costs. For early stage projects elements of the total may be estimated however the rationale for figures should be able to be articulated
- **Quotes** - providing up-to-date, comparable costings for each element you are requesting for makes it easier for us to support

### Eligibility checklist \*

- Legal entity
- Capital development / renewal project
- Community sport
- Resolution / formal agreement from your entity to make an application

### Generic details \*

- Contact details
- Organisation details
- List of any existing agreements with council
- Financial statements

### Readiness

- Total project cost for the full facility development
- Needs assessment
- 2 x quotes for each item you are requesting funding for
- Copy of completed work / evidence of applications
- Funding plan
- Evidence of secured funding / applications

### Alignment

- Details of any partnerships
- Existing membership data
- Utilisation plan for proposed development
- Details of intended facility catchment
- Details of Māori outcomes

## Eligibility

\* indicates a required field

### Organisation name \*

Organisation Name

## LEGAL STATUS

### What is the legal structure of your organisation / group? \*

- Incorporated Society     Charitable Trust     Registered Charity     Limited Liability Company     School     Maori Trust

Please enter your NZ Business Number (NZBN) below and ensure the details that load match your organisation. If you do not know your NZBN please use the links below: [Search the Incorporated Societies Register](#) [Search the Charitable Trusts Register](#)

### NZ Companies Register (NZBN) \*

The NZBN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the NZBN correctly.

New Zealand Companies Register Information
NZBN
Entity Name
Registration Date
Entity Status
Entity Type

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Registered Address
Office Address

Please click [here](#) to visit the Charities Register website

### Charities NZ Registration \*

The Charity Registration Number provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the Charity Registration Number correctly.

New Zealand Charities Register Information
Charity Registration Number
Organisation Name
Other Names
Status
Street Address
Postal Address
Telephone
Fax
Email
Website
Date Registered

## PURPOSE OF FUNDING

Is your application for a facility development, extension or renewal project? \*  Yes  No

Will your facility project deliver community sport benefit? \*  Yes  No

**Please attach a copy of your organisation's resolution or meeting minutes confirming agreement to apply for funding: \***

Attach a file:

## Contact details

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**2. Primary contact: \***  
First Name

Last Name

**3. Secondary contact \***  
First Name

Last Name

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Position held in organisation \*

Position held in organisation \*

Contact number \*

Contact Number \*

Email address \*

Email address \*

## Organisation details

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**Is your organisation affiliated to any other entity, including but not limited to a regional or national governing body? \***

Yes

No

**Please list all organisations you are affiliated to:**

**Do you have any existing agreements or funding from, Auckland Council / local board(s)? (Related or unrelated to this project/application) \***

Yes

No

This may include a community ground lease, landowner approval for a pending project, funding agreements or service agreements

**Please briefly list what these are:**

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

## Project snapshot

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This section aims to capture a snapshot of your project - who, what, where and why.

Word limits are designed to ensure succinct answers. You will be given the opportunity to provide further detail as you progress through the application.

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### 1. Project title \*

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

### 2. How much funding are you seeking? \*

Must be a dollar amount.

### 3. What gateway are you seeking funding for? \*

- GW1: Investigation and analysis     GW2: Design and consent     GW3: Construction

### 4. Type of project \*

- Upgrading an existing facility     Extending an existing facility     Building a new facility     Preventing the closure or loss of an existing facility     Other:

### 5. What are you building / renewing? (brief scope of project) \*

Word count:

Keep the focus on WHAT you are building or renewing - the tangible asset e.g. two multisport indoor courts, two changing rooms, 50m2 admin space, 100m2 social space

### 6. Why is this facility needed, in this location? \*

- Currently no facility of this kind within the proposed catchment  
 Existing facility network is at capacity  
 Opportunity for community access to existing infrastructure is limited  
 Existing facility is reaching end of life  
 Time-limited opportunity to leverage investment and/or secure a location to deliver a unique opportunity  
 Other:

### 7. Site location - local board \*

[Find your local board](#)

### 8. Who will own the facility/asset? \*

- Entity submitting this application     Other:

### 9. Who will own the land? \*

- Auckland Council     Ministry of Education     Private - owned by the entity applying     Private - not owned by the entity applying     Other:

## Gateway - Project status

\* indicates a required field

SRFIF uses three gateways to identify where your project sits in its lifecycle. Funding is aligned to project readiness ensuring disciplined project progression through sequenced workstreams, supporting timely, justified investment decisions.

1. Gateway 1: Investigation and analysis

2. Gateway 2: Design and consent

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### 3. Gateway 3: Construction

All applicants are required to provide a needs assessment. This may be a standalone document or part of other work e.g. feasibility study or business case.

Your application will be assessed on gateway readiness relative to the step process illustrated in the guidelines. Depending on the scale, complexity or type of project, not all process steps will be required. In some instances, steps may be interchangeable or occur in a different sequence. The principle of 'proportionality' will apply, meaning applicants seeking larger grants will be expected to answer in more detail and provide additional evidence compared with applicants seeking smaller grants.

- Needs assessment > Feasibility study > Business case > Concept design > Tenure > Resource consent > Detailed design > Building consent > Construction

### 10. Reflecting on the step process illustrated in the guidelines, where is your project positioned? \*

Word count:

Must be no more than 25 words.

### 11. Will the construction phase of your proposed development be delivered in stages? \*

- Yes  No

### Please provide details of staging:

## GATEWAY 1: INVESTIGATION & ANALYSIS

### 12. Please select from the dropdown box to provide a status update and cost for each of the key gateway 1 milestone steps.

- Needs assessment > Feasibility study > Business case > Concept design

Process step (GW1)	Status	Cost excluding GST	Cost including GST
		Must be a dollar amount.	This number/amount is calculated.

### 13. Please attach completed work or quotes.

- If multiple outputs are contained with one document e.g. feasibility is covered within the business case, please only upload the document once
- Please provide two quotes for each item you are requesting funding for

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Needs assessment	Feasibility study	Business case	Concept design	Other

### 14. GW1: Please provide any further details not included in the documents attached

- Note any known timelines or estimated milestone dates for work in progress
- Note where outputs are consolidated within one document
- Provide a description of any other documents provided that are not categorised under one of the process steps

If you are applying for GW1 funding please note any completed, commenced or quoted Gateway 2 steps.

GW1 expenses	GW2 estimate	GW3 estimate	GW3 contingency 10%	Total project cost
This number/amount is calculated.	Must be a dollar amount.	Must be a dollar amount.	This number/amount is calculated.	This number/amount is calculated.

### 15. Please provide any further details regarding the total project cost:

e.g. rationale for figures provided, what have estimates been based on

**Funding request**

This number/amount is calculated.

**Gateway 1 cost**

This number/amount is calculated.

**Ratio: funding request vs gateway cost**

This number/amount is calculated.

## GATEWAY 2: DESIGN & CONSENT

### 16. Please select from the dropdown box to provide a status update and cost for each of the key gateway 2 milestone steps.

- Tenure > Resource consent > Detailed design > Building consent
- Please provide two quotes for each item you are requesting funding for

Process step (GW2)	Status	Cost excluding GST	Cost including GST

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		Must be a dollar amount.	This number/amount is calculated.

**17. Please attach completed work, quotes, status updated or evidence of applications.**

- Please provide two quotes for each item you are requesting funding for

Landowner approval	Tenure e.g. lease, record of title	Resource consent	Developed design	Detailed design	Other

**18. Will your proposed facility require a new lease or variation to an existing lease?**

- Yes
  No
  Not applicable - applicant is landowner

**19. What is the final expiry date of your tenure (including rights of renewal)?**

Must be a date.

**20. GW2: Please provide any further details not included in the documents attached**

- Note any known timelines or estimated milestone dates for work in progress
- Note where outputs are consolidated within one document
- Provide a description of any other documents provided that are not categorised under one of the process steps

If you are applying for GW2 funding please note any completed, commenced or quoted Gateway 3 steps.

**21. Please note any significant design changes made and the reasons for the changes:**

**22. Please list any technical inputs planned, in progress, or completed:**

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**GW1 expenses   GW2 expenses   GW3 estimate   GW3 contingency 10%   Total project cost**

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**23. Please provide any further details regarding the total project cost:**

e.g. rationale for figures provided, what have estimates been based on

**Funding request**

This number/amount is calculated.

**Gateway 2 cost**

This number/amount is calculated.

**Ratio: funding request vs gateway cost**

This number/amount is calculated.

## GATEWAY 3: CONSTRUCTION

**24. Please provide a breakdown of key construction costs. Items can be bundled into logical groupings** e.g. project management and professional fees, site preparation, underground services and connections, substructure, main structure, fit out, building services (mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire), external works and landscaping, compliance fees.

- Please do include cost escalation sums if these have been calculated
- Please **do not include contingencies** (this is calculated below as 10% of the GW3/ construction costs) - if contingency figures are itemised in your quote please subtract this figure

**Construction item   Status   Cost excluding GST   Cost including GST**

		Must be a dollar amount.	This number/amount is calculated.

**25. GW3: Please provide any further details not included in the documents attached**

- Note any known timelines or estimated milestone dates for work in progress
- Note where outputs are consolidated within one document
- Provide a description of any other documents provided that are not categorised under one of the process steps

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**26. Please attach two quotes for all construction items.** This may be in the form of construction quotes or quantity surveyors reports.

Attach a file:

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<b>GW1 expenses</b>	<b>GW2 expenses</b>	<b>GW3 expenses</b>	<b>GW3 contingency 10%</b>	<b>Total project cost</b>
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**27. Please provide any further details regarding the total project cost:**

e.g. rationale for figures provided, what have estimates been based on

**Funding request**

This number/amount is  
calculated.

**Gateway 3 cost**

This number/amount is  
calculated.

**Ratio: funding request vs gateway cost**

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calculated.

## Funding and finances

\* indicates a required field

### FUNDING PLAN

**28. Your funding plan should clearly show how the total project cost (i.e. GW1, 2, 3 combined) is intended to be funded. For GW1 or GW2 applicants funding for GW3 may be indicative only but should provide evidence of realistic funding sources and amounts.**

Your plan should outline projected expenses and income to demonstrate the financial direction and viability of the project. The figures provided within this application should align with the figures in your funding plan.

- Cost per gateway itemised where relevant
- Total project cost including a 10% contingency for construction phase work
- Status of secured funding e.g. \$10 spent, \$10 unspent
- Known or estimated dates for securing funding

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- Funding line item reflecting this application e.g. SRFIF \$100,000 - application submitted - decision Dec. 2026

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Attach a file:

This can be in the form of an excel, word or pdf document

## INCOME

**29. Please enter all secured, pending or planned income including any previous council or local board contributions.** Income may include: donations, internal fundraising or savings, borrowing, grants – gaming trusts, local board, council

Stage of Project	Source/funder	Income (excluding GST)	Status	Evidence of secured funding / submitted applications

**Total income**

This number/amount is calculated.

**Total project cost**

This number/amount is calculated.

**Balance**

This number/amount is calculated.

**30. If the total income above does not match your figures, please provide an explanation:**

**31. If there is a balance of funding in the calculations above, or you are not successful with funding applications, where do you intend to source the balance required?**

**32. Please attach financial statements for the most recently completed financial year \***

Attach a file:

If you are leading a project on behalf of a collective and there is a logical financial connection to other entities please also include documents for these groups

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### Funding priorities

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Applications will be assessed for alignment with key strategic outcomes for Auckland Council. Multiple criteria will be applied to allow for a diverse range of projects to be considered for investment.

Combined with the information already submitted, this section is intended to capture details relevant to the funding priorities outlined in the [guidelines](#).

### WHO

**33. Do you have any partnership arrangements that contribute to the utilisation of your existing or proposed facility? If so please detail the participation impact below: \***

**Please attach any relevant partnership agreements:**

Attach a file:

**34. What is your existing membership or the collective membership of core intended facility users:**

Must be a number.

**35. How was your membership figure calculated?**

e.g. 500 member football club + 300 member cricket club

**36. Please use the boxes below to outline your projected facility utilisation for low participation groups:**

Low participation groups	Percentage of projected participants	Where relevant please add more specific detail
	Must be a number.	

**37. Please provide an overview of projected facility use:**

**38. How will your facility enhance access and reduce barriers to participate in sport and recreation?**

**39. Are mana whenua aware of this project, if so which iwi? \***

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### 40. Please describe how your proposed facility will support outcomes for Māori? \*

This may include participation initiatives, governance level representation, operational partnerships with Māori organisations. [Tāmaki Ora - Māori outcomes](#)

## WHAT

### 41. Do you have an existing facility? \*

Yes

No

### 42. What does your existing facility comprise of?

e.g. 1 indoor court, 2.5 fields, 4 changing rooms, admin space

### 43. How many hours per week is your existing facility open?

### 44. Expanding on your earlier answer, what are you building / renewing?

i.e. quantity of courts, Xm2 of pool space, dual-code floor markings, umpire's changing room, electronic gate access

### 45. How many hours per week will your proposed facility be open for?

### 46. Will there be any seasonal variance to operating hours, if so please explain:

### 47. Has universal design been considered or integrated into your project planning or design, if so how? \*

### 48. Please outline any considerations made or measures taken to mitigate any negative climate impacts? \*

This may include considerations for the capital build or the ongoing operations of the facility. These may be factored into planning or design phase works. [Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan](#)

## WHERE

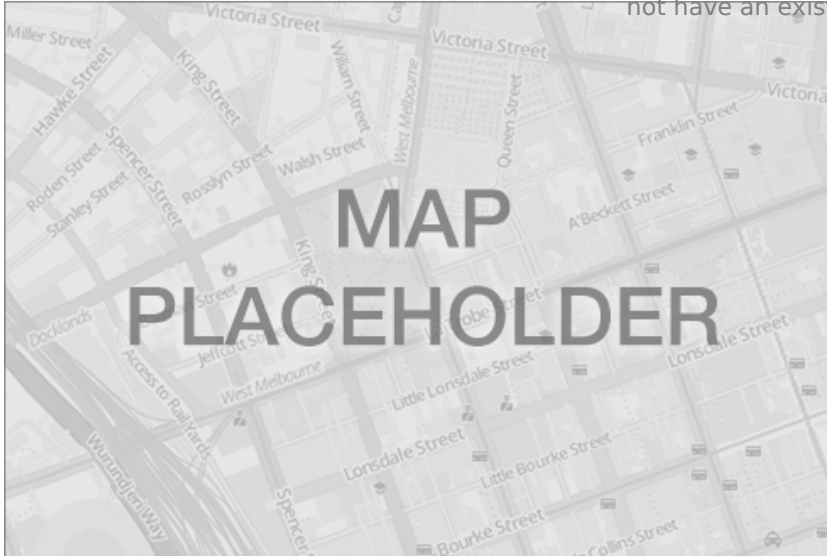
49. Address of facility development or renewal \*  
Address

50. Please provide a site map showing the location and footprint of the proposed facility:

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Attach a file:

[Geomaps](#) - aerial basemap can be used if you do not have an existing map



Address Line 1, Suburb, and Town/City are required. Country must be New Zealand  
Ensure this is the correct legal address using [Geomaps](#)

## 51. Please provide details of the nearest facilities providing similar provision to your proposed facility?

Name of facility	Proximity (kms)
	Must be a number.

## 52. Please provide any further context regarding facility catchment and provision including:

- differences in facility specification
- limitations of existing facilities and/or your proposed facility
- population growth and demographic demand
- travel distances, connectivity and public transport access
- facility utilisation rates and peak demand pressures
- multi-use functionality and flexibility of spaces

## 53. What percentage of users for the proposed facility, will come from the following catchments:

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Local - under 10km \*

Must be a number.

Sub-regional - 10km to 20km \*

Must be a number.

Regional - 20km or more \*

Must be a number.

## WHY

### 54. Please outline the need for this facility, in this location: \*

This can be copied from an existing needs assessment or a similar document. All applicants are required to have undertaken a needs assessment - this will be requested further on in the form.

### 55. Is this project, or the need for a facility of this kind, within this catchment, identified in any provision plans? \*

Includes national, regional or local facility related plans e.g. Local Board Sport & Active Recreation Facilities Plan, Aktive Tāmaki Makaurau Facility Priority Plan, Auckland Region Netball Facilities Plan

## HOW

### 56. Please provide any relevant detail about your organisation's ability to lead this project and operate the proposed facility long-term.

This may include:

- governance capability and organisational structure
- experience delivering capital projects of a similar scale or complexity
- financial sustainability and long-term funding capacity
- operational capability, including staffing and management expertise
- asset management and maintenance planning
- demonstrated community demand and stakeholder support
- partnerships, collaborations, or shared delivery arrangements

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### 57. Please provide details on the operational model of the proposed facility, including how the facility will be financially viable: \*

If you have a business case which covers this, please summarise the key points

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### 58. Please use the dropdown option below to provide any additional information regarding any of the funding priorities:

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**Funding priority**

**Additional information**

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## Next steps

**59. What are your planned next steps for this project?**

**60. Please attach any other supporting documents**

Attach a file:

## Declaration and privacy

\* indicates a required field

Note: Auckland Council reserves the right to revise or retract funding recommendations or request a refund of an allocated grant if any of information submitted is found to be incorrect.

**I / we certify that to the best of our/my knowledge the information contained in this application is correct \***

Yes  No

**I / we confirm that any funds granted will only be used for the purpose described in this application \***

Yes  No

**I / we confirm that I/we will submit an accountability report and supporting paid invoices and receipts \***

Yes  No

**I / we consent to application information being shared with different council departments, sector partners Active and Sport NZ Ihi Aotearoa, and sector funders.**

Yes  No

**I / we confirm that to the best of our / my knowledge I/we have no perceived , potential or actual conflict of interest in applying for or using any grant funding \***

Yes  No

For guidance on whether you have a perceived, potential or actual conflict as a result of applying for and using grant funding you should consider the following matters - if in doubt you should declare the conflict.

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A conflict of interest could arise where you (the applicant) have a responsibility as a result of receiving council grant monies. This could affect another responsibility, duty or relationship you may also have.

For example

- If you are an Auckland Council employee/local board member or a councillor
- If your organisations committee or board member is an Auckland Council employee/local board member.
- Personal or family relationships that you have
  - with council employees / elected members
  - with council contractors
  - organisations or persons that you will procure services from with the grant monies
- Financial relationships
  - e.g. investments that you have in entities that you will procure services from with the grant monies
- Employment relationships or membership of clubs
  - e.g. you intend to procure services with the grant monies from your employer or a club you are a member of - who will benefit financially from the arrangement.

**59. If you have answered no to any of the above, please provide details below:**

## Privacy

Any personal information that you provide in this form will be held and protected by Auckland Council in accordance with our [privacy policy](#) and with the Privacy Act 2020. Our privacy policy explains how we may use and share your personal information in relation to any interaction you have with the council, and how you can access and correct that information. We recommend you familiarise yourself with this policy.

- **I/We understand that Auckland Council is bound by the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**
- **I/We understand that my/our name and brief details about the project may be released to the media or appear in publicity material**
- **I/We understand that I/we have the right to have access to this information**
- **I/We undertake that I/we have obtained the consent of all people involved to provide these details.**

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Accept

Decline

When your information is submitted you will receive an automatic confirmation email that the information has been received from SmartyGrants. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please check to see if the email has been treated as "spam".