As well as bringing clubs up to a minimum acceptable level of sanitary provision, this fund will also raise awareness of the importance of appropriate sanitary provision in rugby clubs and break the taboo around periods and women's sport.

What is available?

Clubs can apply to receive sanitary packages from the RFU for their toilets and changing rooms. The value of these packages will be dependent on the existing toilet and sanitary provision at each club but will be approximately £1,000. The package will include:

Wall mounted sanitary product dispensers

Sanitary bins

Stock refill packages of period products

Innovative items to enhance your female facilities

Who can apply?

Any rugby union club that complies with all RFU Regulations can apply.

Who can apply on behalf of the club?

Anyone can apply on behalf of a rugby club however if successful the award confirmation from the RFU must be verified by an official 'Golden Role' within the club (i.e secretary, treasurer, chair).

Do we need Security of Tenure?

To maximise the reach of this fund, applicants will not need to demonstrate security of tenure.

Do we need partnership funding?

There is no partnership funding requirement for this fund but to access the sanitary package, clubs will need to confirm their commitment to refilling provision as required and arranging for appropriate cleaning and disposal.

How do we apply?

Applications for year one can be made by completing an **online form** which will go live on **December 5**th **2022** and close on **January 31**st **2023**.

What will be included in our club's sanitary package?

Within the application form each applicant will identify the number of toilet areas and toilet cubicles they have on site. Based on RFU recommended minimum standards for each area and cubicle, applicants will then identify any shortfall in the existing sanitary provision and the package will be based on this information.

When will we know if we have been successful?

Award agreements will be sent out in February or March 2023 and must be accepted by 31 March 2023. Once accepted, the packages will be sent out to clubs ready for the start of the 2023/24 season. It is anticipated that all eligible applicants that complete the online application form correctly will receive a package.

What will our long-term commitments be if we receive a package?

Clubs will have to sign up to ongoing monitoring of the impact of the new provision and commit to refilling products as required and arranging for appropriate cleaning, maintenance and disposal of waste

How can we access support for our application?

Application support will be provided through online guidance, including 'How to Apply' Demo Videos, accessible via the application portal. If you need any other help please use our <u>FAQs</u> or visit our <u>Community Rugby Help Portal</u> where you can find answers to most questions or raise a Help Request if you still need assistance.

