



Female Leadership Development Contestable Fund 2023/24

Overview

NZC is committed to developing the depth and capability of female leaders and female-focused leaders across the cricket network, through providing and facilitating development opportunities at all levels of the sport.

The Female Leadership Development Framework is an element of NZC and Sport NZ's 'Strengthen and Adapt' partnership. The contestable fund is one of the key initiatives in this Framework which aims to encourage locally led activity, with national support.

The contestable fund successfully commenced during the 2021-22 season, with ten leadership development initiatives supported throughout New Zealand, and seventeen initiatives supported in 2022-23.

The contestable fund is open to applications from all Major Associations and District Associations. Affiliated cricket clubs and schools can also apply, with an endorsement from their relevant Major or District Association.

It's important to note that this Framework aims to not only develop females, but anyone who is championing and developing female capability and female-focused initiatives. NZC acknowledges that we need to continue to develop champions across the network. Having a female-focus and improving the gender balance of cricket is the responsibility of everyone across the network.

Why?

Although cricket is moving in a positive trend towards increased female participation and visibility, females are still underrepresented.

Through encouraging a more diverse leadership group and developing female capability across a variety of off-field activities, we are contributing to the overall growth of our sport and making it more inclusive and accessible for all.

Objectives

The contestable fund has two key objectives;

- Support opportunities to develop leadership capabilities of female staff and female-focused staff within the cricket network
- Support the development and growth of initiatives focused on engaging more females in off-field leadership opportunities

Although the intention is for the contestable fund to flow through to positively impact female playing participation, please note that the contestable fund is focused on off-field leadership development initiatives.

How does it work?

The contestable fund is managed by NZC, with up to \$30,000 available for the 2023/24 season. Consideration will be given to distribution of funds across the cricket network.

Funding applications are considered on an annual cycle, based on the below;

June 1, 2023: Overview and application information published

June 29, 2023: Applications close

Mid-July 2023: Successful applications announced

All applications that complete the application process and meet the criteria will be reviewed by the Assessment Committee. The Committee for 2023/24 includes;

- NZC Community Cricket team members
- Manisha Patel – NZC Head of People and Culture
- Lesley Murdoch – NZC President

Successful applications will receive a partnership and funding agreement with NZC, and be required to provide updates and report on their activity. They must also be willing to contribute and share information with the cricket network.

Criteria

- Applications for the 2023/24 season should include activity that falls between August 2023 to August 2024
- Application form must be completed online, and all requested documents provided
- Each MA or DA may submit multiple applications each season, but consideration will be given to distribution of funds across the cricket network
- Applications must be submitted by an MA or DA, or an affiliated club or school with endorsement from their relevant MA or DA
- Funding requests to contribute to staff salaries and/or wages will not be considered. The focus of the contestable fund is on developing leadership, not simply covering staffing costs.
- Successful applicants must be willing and able to complete reporting requirements, including any photo, video and content sharing requests

If you have any queries about the Female Leadership Development Contestable Fund, please email jess.davidson@nzc.nz