



MISSISSIPPI

Community Tennis and Facility Grant 2026 Guidelines and Application

Summary:

The Mississippi Tennis Association's "Community Tennis and Facility Grant," formerly entitled "Adopt A Court Grant," was initiated by the MTA Board of Directors in 2002 to financially assist **public** tennis facilities, school district courts, or any publicly owned courts, to build new tennis courts and/or to repair and upgrade existing tennis courts. The addition of fixed amenities such as lights, bathrooms, clubhouses are also included within the scope of the grant.

To be eligible to receive this Facility Grant from the Mississippi Tennis Association, the grant must be used only to build, resurface, or line courts that contain lines prescribed by the ITF Rules of Tennis as sanctioned lines for tennis (i.e. **10U blended tennis lines are allowed, but the courts that are built or resurfaced with this grant cannot contain pickleball lines**).

Tennis courts that include pickleball lines are currently not allowed for use in USTA Sanctioned matches (Adult League, Jr Team Tennis, Sanctioned Tournaments).

In addition, priority will be given to grants that come from facilities that have not reduced the number of available tennis courts by painting pickleball lines or building permanent pickleball lines over a tennis court (i.e. if you had 20 tennis only courts, but lined two of them for pickleball in the previous year to where you now only have 18 tennis only lined courts, your grant will not be given priority)

Blended tennis lines for 10&Under play (60 foot court lines) are still allowed and facilities that plan to include 60' blended tennis lines will be given priority.

Applicants must meet all criteria and submit a completed application by **April 1, 2026**. **Awards/Pledges will be announced in mid April.**

Grant Guidelines:

The Community Tennis and Facility Grant program is available to local governments, public facilities and/or school districts. **Semi-private and private facilities may apply and will receive consideration if all funds budgeted are not allocated to existing applicants (from public facilities).** Blended Lines Grants are available to both public and private facilities. **Please contact USTA Mississippi for a blended lines grant application.**

- Grants shall be used for construction of new courts, the repair and/or upgrade of existing tennis courts, and/or the addition or repair of court amenities.
- This is a matching grant program. All grant funds must be matched dollar-for-dollar by the applicant. Depending on what communities are using the grant for (new construction, resurfacing, amenities), they will be eligible for differing amounts of aid (details below).
- The application must be submitted with supporting documentation by the deadline date.
- As a requirement of acceptance the facility agrees to provide USTA programs as part of its on-going programming.

GRANT LEVELS & GUIDELINES

Breakdown of What Communities are Eligible for:

- **Level 1 – \$10,000 grant**
Applicants that propose to build at least 2 new tennis courts will be eligible for up to \$10,000 provided they spend at least \$20,000 on the total project.
- **Level 2 - \$7,500 grant**
Applicants that propose to resurface 4 or more courts are eligible to receive *up to* \$7,500 provided they spend at least \$15,000 total on the project.
- **Level 3 - \$5,000 grant**
Applicants that propose to resurface at least 2 courts will be eligible for *up to* a \$5,000 reimbursement provided they spend at least \$10,000.
- **Level 4 - \$3,500**
Applicants that propose to add the following amenities will be eligible for up to \$3,500 provided they have receipts of up to \$7,000 (windscreens, nets, benches, pavilions, other court amenities)



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2026 Community Tennis and Facility Grants Grant Application Form

A. Facility Information:

1. Name of Local government, Facility or School District

2. Describe the scope of your project (*court construction, resurfacing & how many courts you want to improve, what type of amenities will you add*)

2. USTA Member Organization number _____

3. Address: _____

4. Email address: _____

5. Is the proposal for new courts or existing court repair? _____
Private

6. Is the facility Public, **Semi-Private** or Private? _____

7. Current number of courts _____ Type of Surface _____

Year constructed _____ Last Resurfaced _____

8. Are the courts handicap accessible? _____

9. Estimated number of players participating in USTA adult or junior leagues

10. Number of local high school teams? _____ College teams? _____

Facility Potential:

- USTA programs currently offered in your community. _____

(For example, USTA adult leagues, USTA Jr. Team Tennis, USTA sanctioned tournaments, Ready to Rally, etc.)

- Programs you would offer with new or improved courts _____
- Briefly describe how the grant will enhance the game of tennis in your community. _____

- **Will the public be allowed to use the courts? _____ May the courts be reserved for USTA League play? _____**
- Do you have certified teaching professionals available in your community?

C. Funding Information:

- What is the monetary amount requested through this grant:

- **Estimate the cost of the total project** _____.
- Name of the person/company preparing the estimate _____.
- Are local funds to complete the project already approved and allocated?

- Have you applied for other USTA grants or federal assistance?

D. Work Information:

1. Who (what company) would provide the work or provide services under this application?

2. Will you require competitive bids? _____

2. What will be method of determining contractor and/or supplier?

3. What is the timeframe for beginning and completing this project?

Please include at least 1 detailed price proposal/bid from a contractor with this application and provide photographs of the facility or proposed area where the improvements will take place.

E. Applicant Information:

Deadline for Application: April 1, 2026

1. Name of person submitting the application. _____

2. Address: _____ Email: _____

_____ Phone: _____

_____ Signature of Applicant _____ Date

Please submit this application along with price proposals, procedure description, photos and other relevant information to: (by email or mail)

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