



Community Tennis and Facility Grant 2020 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.

Since 2011, projects that propose the addition of blended lines to current 78 foot courts are given priority. Blended lines are lines that blend in with the color of the court surface and are used for the conversion of 78 foot courts to 36' and/or 60' courts. These smaller courts are used for youth under the age of 10. Grants specifically for the addition of blended lines are available to both **public and private** tennis facilities through a different application. Blended line **ONLY** grants are **FULLY** funded.

Applicants must meet all criteria and submit a completed application by **Monday, May 4, 2020. Awards/Pledges will be announced in mid May.**

Grant Guidelines:

The Community Tennis and Facility Grant program is available to local governments, public facilities and/or school districts. Blended Lines Grants are available to both public and private facilities and if applying for blended lines, contact the MTA for the online 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.

2020 Priorities

(1) The construction of and the addition of new courts in the state of Mississippi is a top priority for the Mississippi Tennis Association. The ability to attract new players and to provide adequate programs for current players depends on new court construction. For this reason, funding available for projects that include new construction of at least 2 new courts at one location will remain \$10,000. The dollar-for-dollar match will continue to be required. **Applications for permanent stand alone 36 and 60 foot courts will be accepted from private facilities as well as public.**

(2) Increasing the total amount of playable courts is also a top priority in Mississippi. Therefore, if a community plans to resurface 4 or more courts, those facilities are eligible to receive up to \$7,500 in grant funding. Applicants that plan to install “blended” 60’ or 36’ lines for 10 and Under play will also be given priority over those applications that do not plan to implement 10 and Under blended lines. Sanctioned tournament play and Jr league play still requires 60’ lines for 10 and Under age division play, so increasing the amount of courts with permanently painted lines is preferred.

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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2020 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? _____
6. Is the facility Public 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 using the courts? _____
10. Estimated number of players participating in USTA adult or junior leagues

11. 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, etc.)

- Programs you would offer with new or improved courts _____
- Briefly describe how the grant will enhance the game of tennis in your community. _____
_____.
- If the applicant is a school district, will the public be allowed to use the courts? _____
_____. May the courts be reserved for USTA League play? _____
- Do you have potential tennis volunteers in your community?

- Do you have certified teaching professionals available in your community?

- Do you have a local Community Tennis Association? _____

C. Funding Information:

- Please describe the type of assistance or monetary amount requested through this grant:

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- **Estimate the cost of the total project** _____.
- Name of the person(s) preparing the estimate _____.
- Is this person a member of the US Tennis Court & Track Builders Association or certified by another body? _____

- Amount of committed local funds: _____
- Other sponsors and financial commitment: _____
- Have you applied for other grants or federal assistance? _____.
Name the agency_____

D. Work Information:

1. Who would provide the work or provide services under this application?

Address: _____ Phone: _____

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: Monday, May 4, 2020

1. Name of person submitting the application. _____

2. Address: _____ Email: _____

_____ Phone: _____

_____ Fax Number _____

_____ Signature of Applicant _____ Date

Please submit this application along with price proposals, procedure description, photos and other relevant information to:

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