



## **Community Tennis and Facility Grant 2022 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.

Priority will be give to facilities that include blended lines. 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. Pickleball lines ARE NOT included in the scope of the grant and will not be funded.

**Facilities should note that USTA sanctioned matches (tournaments and league play) CANNOT take place on tennis courts lined for Pickleball**

Applicants must meet all criteria and submit a completed application by **Friday, April 1, 2022. 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. 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.

## **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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**2022 Community Tennis and Facility Grants  
Grant Application Form**

**A. Facility Information:**

1. Name of Local government, Facility or School District  
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2. Describe the scope of your project (*court construction, resurfacing & **how many courts** you want to improve, what type of amenities will you add*)  
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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 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 \_\_\_\_\_.
- Amount of committed local funds: \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you applied for other USTA grants or federal assistance?  
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**D. Work Information:**

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

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2. Will you require competitive bids? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**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: Friday, April 1, 2022**

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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