



Community Tennis and Facility Grant 2012 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 and school districts 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, the addition of blended lines to current 78 foot courts is also included within the scope of the grant. 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. Blended line grants are available to both **public and private** tennis facilities.

Applicants must meet all criteria and submit a completed application by **Friday, February 17, 2012**. **Awards will be announced on or before March 5, 2012.**

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.

- Grants shall be used for construction of new courts, the repair and/or upgrade of existing tennis courts, and/or the addition of blended lines to existing courts.
- This is a matching grant program. All grant funds must be matched dollar-for-dollar by the applicant. The maximum grant amount from MTA is \$5,000. To receive the maximum, the project cost can be no less than \$10,000. **New in 2011-12: For projects that include the construction of at least 4 new courts at one location, the maximum grant amount will be \$10,000. To receive the maximum, the project cost can be no less than \$20,000.**
- 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.

2012 Priorities

(1) USTA Southern Section has adopted the requirement that all 10 & Under USTA play use 36' and/or 60' courts, along with age appropriate equipment. For 8 & Under youth, 36' courts will be used and 60' courts for 9-10 year olds. In line with the new court sizes, top priority will be given to those applications which (1) include 10 & Under

program offerings; (2) include the permanent painting of 36' and 60' lines on existing courts, and (3) include the construction of permanent 36' and/or 60' courts. Additional funding is available from USTA and USTA Southern which results in a total grant of 87% of the cost for blended lines. Applicants will only pay 12% of the cost.

(2) The construction of new courts is the second priority for 2012. 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 4 new courts at one location will be raised to \$10,000. The dollar-for-dollar match will continue to be required. **Applications for permanent 36 and 60 foot courts will be accepted from private facilities as well as public.**



2012 Community Tennis and Facility Grants Grant Application Form

A. Facility Information:

1. Name of Local government, Facility or School District _____
2. USTA Member Organization number/exp. date _____
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 _____ Resurfaced _____
8. Are the courts handicapped accessible? _____
9. Is there a backboard/hitting area? _____
10. Estimated number of players using the courts? _____
11. Estimated number of players participating in USTA adult or junior leagues

12. 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? _____. What, if any, time restrictions will be imposed? _____
- 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 requested through this grant.

_____.
- Estimate the cost _____.
- Name of the person(s) preparing the estimate _____.
- Is this person a member of the US Tennis Court & Track Builders Association?

- 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 2 detailed price proposals with this application and photographs.

E. Applicant Information:

Deadline for Application: Friday, February 17, 2012

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:

**Sandra Irby
Director of Community Development
P. O. Box 5388
Jackson, MS 39296
1-800-349-1683
(601) 981-4421 – Jackson area calls
(601) 981-4517 - fax
sandrai@mstennis.com**