

2026 Guide to Tennis Venue Services



"WE'LL MEET YOU WHERE YOU'RE AT"

Getting started

From tennis court resurfacing and lighting upgrades to full-scale construction projects, USTA Tennis Venue Services will be with you every step of the way to help you make your tennis facility a best-in-class destination.

Our program offers: Technical Assistance, Business Consulting, Advocacy Support, Digital Tools, and Grant Funding. To get started, visit our website (usta.com/facilities) and click "Apply Now".

Available services

TECHNICAL SERVICES

- **DOCUMENT REVIEW:** Scrutinize technical documents (e.g. construction docs, RFPs, bids) for accuracy and clarity
- **DESIGN SERVICES:** Provide 2D concept drawings and 3D renderings
- **INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS:** Connections to vendors, contractors, and manufacturers
- **FACILITY ASSESSMENT:** Evaluate existing facilities; troubleshoot equipment issues (e.g. courts, lights, etc.)

BUSINESS CONSULTING

- **BUSINESS REVIEWS:** Analyze business models, profitability, and cost recovery
- **STAFFING & MANAGEMENT:** Support RFP reviews, job description creation, and recommendations regarding operations and staffing
- **FINANCIAL FORECASTING:** Provide cost estimates and financial recommendations

ADVOCACY SUPPORT

- **INDUSTRY RESEARCH:** Provide data on tennis trends, demographics, participation, and tennis court supply
- **PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT:** Help define project value and create compelling proposals to secure funding
- **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT:** Connect project leaders with decision-makers (mayors, parks departments, etc.)
- **PICKLEBALL STRATEGIES:** Consider tennis and pickleball strategies and approaches to find successful solutions

DIGITAL TOOLS

- **WEBSITE BUILDER:** Simply build a website for your facility
- **ONLINE COURT BOOKING:** Streamline reservations, payments, and court access
- **SMARTACCESS:** Secure and reliable access with a SmartAccess gate or padlock system that ensures courts are available for registered players during reserved times
- **USAGE ANALYTICS:** Track court usage, revenue, and booking patterns for data-driven decisions.

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OR EMAIL facilities@USTA.COM FOR QUESTIONS

Facility Funding & Grant Categories

The USTA offers competitive grant funding to tennis facilities that are open to the public and meet the requirements outlined below. Funding eligibility is based on many criteria including the scope and complexity of the project, the number of tennis courts at the facility, and in the case of Category 3 projects, the successful completion of a technical review.

The outline below describes the grant categories and project descriptions while the following table shows their corresponding funding levels.

2026 TVS Facility Funding Levels

Grant applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, and funding is distributed as a reimbursement after project completion and a final accountability review. The maximum funding a project may be eligible for varies by project type and is determined on a per-court basis up to 50% of the total project cost. Organizations are eligible to receive funding once in a 12-month period per site.

For questions and to learn more, email the TVS team at facilities@usta.com or visit usta.com/facilities.

Category 1 - Low Complexity

- AMENITIES** - Basic improvements designed to enhance the playing experience and appeal of tennis facilities, including the addition of fixed tennis court amenities (i.e. windscreens, backboards, HVAC, defibrillators, etc.) and installing blended 36' and 60' tennis lines on existing tennis courts.
- TENNIS COURT TECH** - Integration of technology on tennis courts to enhance the playing experience and assist with facility management, including SmartAccess gates, video broadcasting and streaming technology, scoreboards, and electric line calling ("ELC") systems that meet ITF Silver accreditation or higher.
- INCLUSIVE ACCESS** - Installation of amenities and facility features that enhance tennis court accessibility, including widening gates, installing ramps, and paving pathways to create a more inclusive environment for all players, regardless of mobility.

Category 2 - Mid Complexity

- LIGHTING** - Installation of new or upgrades to existing tennis court lighting systems and fixtures that falls within class I-III levels per the American Sports Builders Association (ASBA) guidelines. Class IV can be considered for TVS Category 1 amenity funding.
- FENCING** - Installation of new or repairs to existing tennis court fencing.
- RESURFACING** - In addition to acrylic resurfacing, resurfacing existing tennis courts may include crack repair systems, overlay treatments, patching birdbaths, and leveling high areas to reestablish the court's evenness.

Category 3 - High Complexity

- NEW CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION** - New construction and reconstruction of 78' tennis courts.
- INDOOR STRUCTURES** - Construction or installation of tennis court enclosures including air structures (or bubbles), fabric-frame structures, rigid framed metal buildings, and indoor tennis buildings.

CATEGORIES	FUNDING DESCRIPTIONS		
CATEGORY I 50% Of Project Cost	AMENITIES Maximum \$5k	TENNIS COURT TECH* Maximum \$10k	INCLUSIVE ACCESS* Maximum \$10k
CATEGORY II (Maximum \$60k)	LIGHTING** Up to \$15k Per Court	FENCING Up to \$12k Per Court	RESURFACING Up to \$8k Per Court
CATEGORY III (Maximum \$150k)	NEW CONSTRUCTION & RECONSTRUCTION Up to \$35k Per Court		INDOOR STRUCTURES Up to \$50k Per Court

NOTE: The maximum funding a project is eligible for will not exceed 50% of the total project cost.

* Inclusive Access and Tennis Court Tech grants may be combined with a Category 2 Grant.

** Photometrics to be reviewed by TVS Technical Team to determine lighting classification.

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