USTA Wheelchair Tennis Grassroots Grant

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What is the USTA Wheelchair Tennis Grassroots Grant Initiative?

USTA Wheelchair Tennis Grassroots Grant initiative provides support and assistance to organizations for the development and promotion of an existing or planned Grassroots Wheelchair Program at a facility, to be used during the Grant Program cycle.

Who is eligible to apply for a USTA Wheelchair Tennis Grassroots Grant?

Applications must be submitted by an entity or organization in good standing with the State it operates in, and must have a broad base of community support, meet a compelling need in the community and align with the priority funding areas for wheelchair tennis outlined in the grant application.

Requests for individual support will not be considered.

What is the application timeline?

USTA Wheelchair Tennis Grassroots Grant applications open on Dec 31st and will close on Jan 31st at 11:59 PM(EST). Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

How do organizations apply?

Grant applications must be completed online at USTA.COM (see the link below). Additionally, the individual submitting the grant application on behalf of an entity or organization must be authorized to apply for the grant and have the power and authority to bind the entity or organization to fulfill the grant obligations.

Grant link:

https://www.usta.com/en/home/coach-organize/tennis-support/grants-assistance.html

How and when will notification of a grant award be made?

Grant applications are reviewed, approved, and processed after the Grant application deadline. Notification of a grant award can take up to 30 days after the submission deadline depending on the volume of applications received. Notification of a grant award is sent by email to the contact identified in the application and grantees must sign the award letter and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions set forth in application and in any grant award letter.

What are the expectations of organizations awarded grant funding?

If a grant is awarded to your organization, you will be expected to:

- Sign an Award Letter and Grant Terms & Conditions document
- Communicate as needed with United States Tennis Association Incorporated ("USTA")
- Provide Mid year Accountability Report and a Final Accountability Report
- Host one tournament, play day or other event, and input the results into the Serve Tennis platform
- Actively recruit athletes to participate in the Facility Program
- Follow safeguarding policies and protocols for those adults having regular contact or authority over minor athletes (see, e.g. the USTA Safe Play Conduct, Policies, and Guidelines and always consult with your own advisors)
- Agree to enter all grant related/supported grassroots programing into ServeTennis for registration and data tracking
- Complete and submit a current form W-9

Are all grant recipients required to submit accountability reports during the year?

Yes, all grant recipients are required to complete an Mid year Accountability Report and a Final Accountability Report, noting successes and challenges experienced and lessons learned. Notification with instructions on how to access the report online will be emailed to applicants awarded a grant.

May an organization apply for future grant cycles?

Yes, regardless of whether an organization was awarded a grant during a prior grant cycle, an organization may apply during subsequent grant cycles for a new grant.

What are the grant priority funding areas?

Our grant priorities include wheelchair tennis offerings that attract new players to the sport with an emphasis on youths events. The grant program encourages multi-session programming that provides on-going play opportunities to promote player development and retention.

What will and will not be funded?

*Eligible Items That Will be Funded:
Examples: instruction for athletes on-court, wheelchair focused instruction/training for providers, tennis equipment, local marketing efforts, and general program support.

*Ineligible Items That Will NOT be Funded:
Examples: certification of individuals, tennis wheelchairs, capital projects, travel expenses, scholarships, administrative salaries, the building, renovation or maintenance of tennis facilities, or USTA memberships and fees.

**Eligible and Ineligible list is not inclusive of all items and is subject to change*

What is the average grant amount?

Grant amounts vary widely and depend on the needs of the organization and the information submitted during the application process. The funding request may be up to but may not exceed $5,000.00 per grant cycle, and must be supported in the application.

How is the submission of the application or other materials confirmed?

Upon submitting grassroot form or accountability form, an email receipt is sent to the submitter. Please save this email for your records.