

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: April 15, 2026

SUBJECT: Grant Award – United States Tennis Association Tennis Venue Services

PRESENTER: Nora Sjue, Special Projects
Ronnie Kilby, Capital Projects Project Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

1. Budget Amendment
2. Grant Award Letter

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Henderson County Parks and Recreation has been awarded a \$200,000 grant through the United States Tennis Association (USTA) North Carolina “Tennis Venue Services” program. The associated budget amendment recognizes and appropriates these funds for the construction of six new USTA-certified tennis courts at the Henderson County Sports Complex at Berkeley Park. The grant will fund a portion of the total project cost, with project completion anticipated by the end of calendar year 2026. Grant funds will be reimbursed upon project completion and must be utilized within 12 months of the award date (03/17/2026).

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve acceptance of the United States Tennis Association North Carolina “Tennis Venue Services” Grant to support the construction of six new tennis courts at the Henderson County Sports Complex at Berkeley Park and the associated budget amendment.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move the Board approve acceptance of the USTA North Carolina “Tennis Venue Services” Grant along with the associated budget amendment.



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March 17, 2026

Bruce Gilliam
Henderson County
113 North Main Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792

re: USTA Tennis Venue Services Grant, 25NC32293: Berkeley Park Sports Complex (Hendersonville, NC)

Dear Bruce,

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that Henderson County has been selected to receive **\$200,000** in USTA Tennis Venue Services Funding for the new construction of six (6) 78' tennis courts complete with four (4) 36' and three (3) 60' blended tennis playing lines at the Berkeley Park Sports Complex.

The grant funds will be distributed when the project is complete, and the attached accountability form is returned and approved. These funds will be available for 12 months from the date of this letter. After this time, your grant funds may be forfeited. Please note that any changes to the scope of work after receipt of this letter requires written approval by the USTA. This award is based on the satisfactory completion of our technical review process and funds have been awarded based on the documentation provided and subsequently approved by the USTA. Any changes inconsistent with the submitted design drawings, including the addition of other playing lines will void your funding award.

The USTA hopes you use this opportunity to publicize your facility and tennis in your community. The USTA would like to celebrate the announcement with you; please call your National Project Consultant if you need additional information or to coordinate interviews with USTA staff as you announce the grant.

A goal of the grant is to provide communities access to safe, appealing, and functional tennis environments, and we are happy to partner with Henderson County to help achieve this goal in Hendersonville. The essence of this initiative is to assist communities, leveraging their tennis facilities to promote lifelong healthy activity, and to improve their programming by advancing the latest tennis innovations for all program types.

Thank you for your efforts to promote the game of tennis in your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Carlson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Todd Carlson
Senior Director, Tennis Venue Services Partnerships + Strategic Planning
United States Tennis Association