

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: June 17, 2026

SUBJECT: Grant Award – United States Tennis Association Southern “Build It Forward”

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 Department has been awarded \$100,000 from the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Southern “Build It Forward” Facility Tennis Venue Services Funding. The associated budget amendment recognizes these funds for the construction of six (6) 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 used within 12 months of the award date (4/13/2026).

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to accept the award from the United States Tennis Association Southern “Build It Forward” Grant to assist in the construction of six (6) new tennis courts at the Henderson County Sports Complex at Berkeley Park and approve the associated budget amendment.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Henderson County Board of Commissioners approve the acceptance of the United States Tennis Association Southern “Build It Forward” Grant along with the associated budget amendment.

**LINE-ITEM TRANSFER REQUEST
HENDERSON COUNTY**



Department: _____ Finance _____

Please make the following line-item transfers:

What expense line-item is to be increased?

Account	Line-Item Description	Amount
405400-539029-2089	Contracted Svcs - USTA TVS	\$100,000
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	\$100,000

What expense line-item is to be decreased? Or what additional revenue is now expected?

Account	Line-Item Description	Amount
404400-454039-2089	USTA - Tennis Venue Services	\$100,000
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_____	_____	\$100,000

Justification: Please provide a brief justification for this line-item transfer request.

To recognize funding from the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Southern Build It Forward Facility Tennis Venue Services grant funding and appropriate it to support the construction of six new tennis courts at the Henderson County Berkeley Park Sports Complex. BOC approved 6.17.26

_____	6/17/2026
Authorized by Department Head	Date
_____	_____
Authorized by Budget Office	Date
_____	_____
Authorized by County Manager	Date

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Batch # _____

BA # _____

Batch Date _____



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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 \$100,000 in USTA Southern Build It Forward Facility 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.

Please be advised that, by accepting these funds upon project completion Henderson County agrees not to add lines to the courts for any sport other than tennis for at least 5 years from the date the funds are received. Adding lines on these courts for any other sport will violate this grant and gives USTA Southern the right to seek repayment of a pro rata portion of the grant based upon the amount of time remaining in that 5-year period when the lines for another sport were added.

“Tennis courts eligible for USTA Southern sanctioned competition, including junior and adult tournaments and league, must contain only lines prescribed by the ITF Rules of Tennis, as set out in the USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations.” Courts that include both tennis AND pickleball lines are not eligible to host sanctioned events/play in the Southern Section.

USTA Southern hopes you use this opportunity to publicize your facility and tennis in your community. We would like to celebrate the announcement with you. Please reach out to Ron Cioffi, Senior Manager, Communications at cioffi@sta.usta.com when you announce the award.

The sport of tennis can be an important part of improving communities, schools, the health of individuals and the quality of life for all. As members of the tennis family, we know how this sport can make a difference in people’s lives. We are happy to partner with Berkeley Park Sports Complex to help achieve this goal in Hendersonville, NC.

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

Ted Reese
President, USTA Southern
Sincerely,

Matt Olson
Executive Director, USTA Southern

cc: Todd Carlson, Director, Tennis Venue Services, Parks & CTAs
cc: Kelly Gaines, Executive Director, USTA North Carolina
cc: Karen Zuidema, National Facilities Consultant
cc: Brett Schwartz, Build It Forward Committee Chair