



Policy for providing financial facility assistance

OUR MISSION

The primary purpose of LCTA is recreational. LCTA is also designed to promote interest in the game of tennis, support the USTA League in the Charleston area, and maintain the rules of play and high standards of sportsmanship.

In keeping with the mission, LCTA will support facility projects for construction, renovation, and improvement to the extent of our financial capability. All projects must be approved by the LCTA Board of Directors and the approval recorded in the meeting minutes. The projects shall meet the requirements set forth in the USTA Public Facility Assistance Program to include technical and construction requirements. Here is a link to the [USTA Public Facility Assistance Program](#)

LCTA requires the facility to meet the public access requirement of the USTA program stated below.

The funding application looks at a variety of issues but the most important consideration is how well the courts are programmed. The courts must be open to the public, some and/or all of the courts must be lined for 36' and 60' tennis, and the courts need to be programmed for all ages to play tennis. We look for a robust program including 10 and under lessons as well as Junior Team Tennis, adult lessons and USTA adult/senior leagues using the courts. The USTA does not provide funding for courts that do not have 36' and 60' lines used by youth, beginner, adaptive, senior, and POP Tennis players. The USTA supports what the ITF (International Tennis Federation) sanctions. ITF rules do not allow pickle ball, basketball, or any other sport lines on a tennis court surface. Therefore, we cannot fund courts painted with lines other than those sanctioned for tennis. The funding application also asks for information on how the project will be funded. The USTA will not make a funding decision until the majority of funds to pay for the project are in place. Once our funding decision is made the facility has 18 months to complete the project. After this time, the grant funds may be forfeited. Please note that USTA Facility Assistance grants are very competitive and very few facilities meet the criteria for full funding.