

2010 USTA Southern QuickStart

Line & Conversion Grant



Painting permanent QuickStart tennis lines at your facility is the next step in creating permanency for the format that will change the face of youth tennis in America. USTA Southern wants to partner with your community to help you accomplish this common goal, and grow youth tennis to its fullest.

USTA Southern now requires that all 8U sanctioned tournament play and USTA Junior Team Tennis (JTT) must take place on 36 foot courts beginning January 1, 2010. All 10U sanctioned tournament play (effective 1/1/2011) and USTA Junior Team Tennis (effective with the 2011 championship season which commences in the fall of 2010) must take place on 60 foot courts.

USTA Southern in conjunction with the Southern Patrons Foundation has pledged \$20,000 to be awarded on a "first come, first served" basis as approved by the USTA with a maximum of \$6,000 of USTA Southern funding going to facilities in any one state. Funding will be held for up to 60 days after approval. Failure to complete the project within 60 days may result in funds being released to another community.

Purpose:

Funding provided by the USTA Southern Section and the Southern Tennis Patrons Foundation to assist communities with the cost of painting QuickStart tennis lines on existing courts or convert 78 ft. courts to permanent 36 foot courts.

Requirements:

- Facility must apply for a 2010 USTA Public Facility Category I Assistance Program Grant (\$4,000 maximum grant which requires a 50% local match) by filing out a **Facility Assistance Form** <http://ct.usta.com/pfa/>
- Facility must be willing to line a minimum of two courts or convert one 78 foot court to permanent 36 foot courts.
- Facility must sign a letter pledging to continue the QuickStart format for a minimum of 3 years to be eligible for future USTA Southern grant funding

Other requirements:

- Park and Recreation Departments that apply must be a designated Tennis In The Parks Agency
- Community Tennis Associations that apply must be registered in the national database
- Schools that apply are encouraged to have QuickStart tennis lines for elementary and Junior High campuses and no-cut programs in High School
- Colleges and Universities that apply must participate in the Tennis On Campus Program
- NJTL chapters that apply must be an NJTL chapter in good standing
- Private clubs are eligible to apply if they use the QuickStart format

Amount:

USTA Southern will match dollar for dollar the investment a local community makes toward the total cost of lining courts to make up the required 50% local match. Available USTA Southern funds will be capped at \$1,000 per facility. Currently, the cost to line QuickStart courts is approximately \$250-\$450 per court. Converting an existing 78 foot court to four permanent 36 foot courts is approximately \$8,000 - \$10,000 per court.

Application process:

Complete a USTA **Facility Assistance Form** <http://ct.usta.com/pfa/>

Work with an assigned USTA or Section representative to gather required information for a technical review and to develop a concept plan so you can obtain an estimate.

Application Deadline:

2010 application deadline is October 1, 2010. ***Projects must be completed and required documentation submitted by December 10, 2010 to be eligible for USTA Southern funding.***

Reimbursement:

After the project has been completed, pictures of the finished project and a copy of the final contractor's invoice has been received, USTA Southern will reimburse the local facility for the amount of the Southern grant (25% of the total cost capped at \$1000 for lines and/or conversions). National will do the same for their portion (50% up to \$4000.)

For further information please contact Sheila Evans, USTA Southern QuickStart Task Force Chair at Sheila@ustatlanta.com or Robin Jones, USTA Southern Advocacy Task Force Chair at RJonesUSTA@gmail.com

The USTA National office also offers larger Facility Assistance Grants for resurfacing (Category II up to \$35,000) or new construction (Category III up to \$50,000). These grants have no matching USTA Southern funds.