



## USTA AWARDS HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN RECREATIONAL TENNIS GRANTS TO 54 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

### Part of New Community Building Initiative; Another Half Million to be Distributed in August

**WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., April 2, 2009** – The USTA announced today that it is awarding over a half million dollars in Recreational Tennis Grants to 54 non-profit organizations across the country. The Recreational Tennis Division has pooled together financial resources to create a new series of grants to be distributed on a bi-annual basis to non-profits that are committed to increasing tennis participation, well-established in their communities, support tennis programming and foster diversity among participants. In total, the USTA will award over a million dollars in Recreational Tennis Grants to qualified applicants in 2009.

Any non-profit organization was eligible to apply for these grants, regardless of affiliation with the USTA. Winning organizations include Parks and Recreation agencies, YMCA's, USTA NJTL Chapters and entire school districts. All funding recipients share a common commitment to growing the game of tennis, with priorities on providing the QuickStart Tennis play format in their 10-and-under programming along with team tennis opportunities.

"We are thrilled to be able to invest over \$500,000 to organizations all over the country that believe, as we do, that tennis can be the vehicle to improve the quality of life and education for both children and adults alike," said Kurt Kamperman, Chief Executive, Community Tennis, USTA. "These organizations are committed to growing the game of tennis by implementing important local programming such as the QuickStart Tennis play format and Jr. Team tennis. The USTA is proud to be able to assist them in their efforts."

Applicants could decide between two distinct grant award opportunities. The first is the Community Partnership Investment award, given to those organizations seeking to establish and develop community based partnerships to grow the game of tennis and have a clear vision for alliance building. The grant amounts awarded are between \$10,000 and \$50,000 and can be renewed for up to two years. Winning organizations are expected to match the USTA's financial investment. The USTA awarded eight such grants totaling \$295,000 during this cycle to the following organizations:

- Milwaukee Tennis & Education Foundation, Milwaukee, Wis. - \$50,000
- Washington Tennis & Education Foundation, Washington, D.C. - \$50,000
- Tenacity, Boston, Mass. - \$40,000
- Fort Collins Tennis Association, Fort Collins, Co. - \$35,000
- Youth Tennis Advantage, San Francisco, Calif. - \$35,000
- Portland After-School Tennis & Education, Portland, Ore. - \$35,000
- Rodney Street Tennis Association, Wilmington, Del. - \$25,000
- Genesee Intermediate School District, Flint, Mich. – \$25,000

The second grant is the Program/Project Support grant, awarded to organizations seeking funding to support general tennis programming, project and equipment needs. These awards range between \$2,500 and \$10,000 and during this cycle, awards totaling \$250,000 were distributed to 46 organizations throughout the country. A full list of organizations can be found below.

Organizations which were not awarded grants during this cycle are encouraged to apply for funding during future cycles. Applications for the second 2009 cycle are due by May 15, 2009, and the second round of grants will be awarded in August. Organizations who are interested in applying for grants can find more information at [www.USTA.com/grants](http://www.USTA.com/grants).

### **Organizations receiving Program/Project Support grants**

Net Results, Denver, Colo.	Greater Fall River re-Creation Commission, Mass.
Ricardo Flores Magon Tennis Academy, Westminster, Colo.	Cook County Tennis Association, Grand Marais, Minn.
City of New Haven Parks & Recreation, Conn.	Billings Tennis Association, Billings, Mont.
Latin American Youth Center, Washington, D.C.	Capital Region Youth Tennis Foundation, Albany, N.Y.
City of Kissimmee, Fla.	City of Batavia Youth Bureau, Batavia, N.Y.
Greater Volusia, Daytona Beach, Fla.	Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club, Locust Valley, N.Y.
Atlanta Community Tennis Foundation, Ga.	Harlem Junior Tennis & Education, New York, N.Y.
Savannah Area Tennis Association, Ga.	HERO, Inc., New York, N.Y.
Special Populations Tennis Program, Inc., Roswell, Ga.	Long Island Foundation for Education, Port Jefferson, N.Y.
Chicago Charter School, Ill.	Prospect Park Alliance, Brooklyn, N.Y.
City of Evanston, Ill.	Special Olympics NY Long Island, Deer Park, N.Y.
Peoria Park District, Peoria, Ill.	West Islip Youth Enrichment Services, West Islip, N.Y.
Streator YMCA, Streator, Ill.	Western Wake Tennis Association, Cary, N.C.
Lakeshore Tennis Association, Merrillville, Ind.	Valley City Park District, N.D.
NJTL of Indianapolis, Ind.	Boys & Girls of SW Oregon, Coos Bay, Ore.
Fredonia Tennis Association, Fredonia, Kan.	Greater Portland Tennis Council, Ore.
McAdams Community Tennis Foundation, Wichita, Kan.	Embrace Your Dreams, Bethlehem, Pa.
McPherson Advantage Junior Tennis, McPherson, Kan.	Puerto Rico Tennis Organization, San Juan, Puerto Rico
A's and Aces, New Orleans, La.	Charlottesville Tennis Patrons, Charlottesville, Va.
Annapolis Area Tennis School, Annapolis, Md.	City of Richmond, Va.
Montgomery County, Md.	Oshkosh Tennis, Oshkosh, Wis.
Prince George's Tennis & Education, Upper Marlboro, Md.	Alpine Tennis Association, Laramie, Wyo.
Fall River Community Tennis Association, Fall River, Mass.	Teton County/Jackson Parks & Recreation, Jackson, Wyo.

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The USTA is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the U.S. and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level -- from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. A not-for-profit organization with 725,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds in growing the game. It owns and operates the US Open, the highest attended annual sporting event in the world, and launched the Olympus US Open Series linking 10 summer tournaments to the US Open. In addition, it owns the 94 Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S., and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. The USTA philanthropic entity, USTA Serves, provides grants and scholarships and through tennis, helps underserved youth and people with disabilities to improve academics, build character and strive for excellence. For more information on the USTA, log on to [usta.com](http://usta.com).

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