

DORSET LTA SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

These notes describe how tennis clubs and other places to play in Dorset, referred to collectively in these notes as clubs, can access the Small Grants Scheme. **Closing dates for applications will be on 1st February and 1st September each year.**

How to Apply

- ✓ Either download a Microsoft Word version of the Application Form from the Resources section of the Dorset LTA website (www.lta.org.uk/in-your-area/Dorset/), or print a pdf version and complete by hand.
- ✓ Complete the form as requested. The form is designed so that clubs can clearly articulate what they are asking for, and the Committee can readily understand and review the proposal.
- ✓ After completion, either e-mail the form to info@dorsetlta.co.uk or post to the County Office for the attention of the County Support Officer.
- ✓ Each application will be considered and assessed by the DLT Development Committee. A decision on whether or not to support the application will be made by this Committee who will communicate the decision to the applicant club and, where successful, ensure that all of the administrative arrangements and conditions are understood.

What will we fund?

- ✓ Small programme projects which are consistent with supporting increasing participation.
- ✓ Grants will not be awarded where the Development Committee considers the proposal is for a project which could be reasonably resourced and funded by the club.

How much will we fund?

- ✓ Applications will be accepted for grant requests between £500 and £2000.
- ✓ Any grant awarded will need to be matched on a pound for pound basis by the club.

Conditions

- ✓ The club making the application must be registered as a Place to Play with the Dorset LTA.
- ✓ The club making the application, if not already holding Tennismark status, must achieve this accreditation within a timescale agreed with the Development Committee.
- ✓ The club may be required to discuss and agree measurable and relevant targets with the Development Committee to be delivered within agreed timescales.
- ✓ The club will be asked to submit a financial statement in support of its application which should demonstrate that the club cannot reasonably fund the project internally.

- ✓ If successful, 25% of a grant will be paid immediately with the balance to follow on completion of the project and submission of relevant invoices.
- ✓ Grants will only be paid into a registered Place to Play bank account.
- ✓ No application will be considered before the expiration of a period of 18 months following payment of the final instalment of any previous loan or grant from Dorset LTA.

Examples of what we will fund

Facilities/Programmes

- ✓ clubhouse improvements
- ✓ contribution towards additional floodlights or court projects
- ✓ match fund applications to other funding bodies (e.g. Sport England)

Programmes

- ✓ activity funding to help introduce new adult players to tennis
- ✓ activity funding to support disability tennis programmes
- ✓ coach qualifications (up to a maximum of £500 or 50% of course costs, whichever is the lower)
- ✓ Further Education College / University Link Projects
- ✓ projects to take Cardio Tennis to the Leisure Market
- ✓ activity funding to run tennis at community venues (parks, sports centres etc)

Examples of what we will not fund

- ✓ existing activities
- ✓ schools programmes
- ✓ replacement equipment
- ✓ retrospective applications
- ✓ coach retainers