

## Tennis Victoria ACE Grants



Tennis clubs and coaches are encouraged to apply for grants of up to \$1,500 to encourage participation in tennis for under-represented groups. Tennis Victoria would like to thank and acknowledge Sport and Recreation Victoria for their ongoing support of the ACE Grants Program through the Together More Active Funding. Clubs and coaches can now apply for an ACE Grant to support their Inclusion projects to be delivered by December 31, 2023.

### **Can you apply?**

The following groups may apply:

- Tennis Victoria Affiliates
- Tennis Australia coach members at affiliated venues
- Peak body organisations e.g. Blind Sports Victoria, Disability Sport and Recreation Victoria, SpiritWest Services

### **Criteria**

- Are currently affiliated with Tennis Victoria or linked with a Tennis Victoria affiliated club.
- Are a current Tennis Australia Coach Member.
- Coach is a registered Tennis Hot Shots deliverer – Applicable to coaches working with children aged 12 years and under.

### **Guidelines**

Priority will be given to applicants who:

- ✓ Form a partnership with a community group associated with their target population.
- ✓ Show evidence of co-design (or intent to) in development of the initiative with target population.
- ✓ Make their own contribution to the initiative and not rely solely on the ACE Grants Program funding.
- ✓ Dedicate 25% of the grant amount towards off-court considerations. *(eg: does your club use signages in different languages or Easy English? Has the club considered a prayer space or a sensory safe space in the club rooms? What elements would make your club appear more welcoming to a new participant?)*
- ✓ Register/capture participants or host your programs on a Tennis Australia System (i.e ClubSpark)
- ✓ Provide an ongoing participation opportunity at the local tennis club.
- ✓ Focused on sustainability of the project, including but not limited to subsidising the program as opposed to offering a program free of charge.
- ✓ Work proactively with your relevant Tennis Victoria representative.
- ✓ All project funding must be exhausted by December 31, 2023.

*Grants awarded will have a strong emphasis on impacting underserved communities including*

- People with a disability.
- Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders communities.
- LGBTQIA+ community.
- Other groups facing significant barriers to participation in tennis. eg: Initiatives focused on mental health



***How can I apply?***

Please read the Tennis Victoria ACE Grants Terms and Conditions, complete this form and e-mail it to [inclusionvic@tennis.com.au](mailto:inclusionvic@tennis.com.au) by **Tuesday, January 31 2023**.

If you would like assistance in applying for an ACE Grant or starting an inclusion program, please contact your local Club Development Officer or Coaching Leader (<https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/about/staff>)

## Section 1: Contact Information



### 1. Please select the option(s) that applies

- Our organisation is affiliated with Tennis Victoria
- Our coach is/I am a registered Tennis Australia Coach Member at a Tennis Victoria affiliated venue
- Our coach is/I am a registered Tennis Hot Shots deliverer (applicable for coaches working with participants 12 years and under)

### 2. Organisation Type:

- Coach                       Club/Affiliate                       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Organisation Contact Information:

Name	
Physical Address	
Suburb	
Post Code	
Postal Address	
Suburb	
Post Code	
ABN (if applicable)	

### 4. Applicant details:

Name	
Position	
Phone Number	
Email	



**5. Program Partner:**

Organisation	
Contact Name	
Phone Number	
Email	

**6. If you are submitting this application as a Coach, is your club committee aware of this initiative? If you're submitting this application as a club, is your coach aware of this initiative?** (At Tennis Victoria we recognise the value of collaborative relationships and the benefits that occur when both Clubs and Coaches work together)

Yes

No

**Section 2: Program Overview**



**7. Primary Target Group:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Multicultural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
<input type="checkbox"/>	LGBTIQA+
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other groups facing significant barriers to participation in tennis (please specify): _____

**8. Brief description of the initiative:**

**9. Ongoing playing opportunities post the completion of the initiative:**



**10. How have you, or how do you intend, to engage your target population in a co-design process?**

(Co-design is a tool for problem solving that brings those with tennis experience (our clubs and coaches) and lived experience (your target community) together, on equal ground, to design solutions)

<https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/media-and-resources/publications/co-design>

<https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/media-and-resources/doingsportdifferently>

### Section 3: Game Plan

\*Short-term goal = 0-2 months, medium-term goal = 2-6 months, long-term goal = 6-12+ months



Please assess your Project Plan on the “Reflecting our Diverse Communities Game Plan Template” using the 5 Targets to Inclusion. You don’t have to fill in every section, but please do fill whatever is relevant to your initiative.

Targets	What can you and your club do?	Let’s do this together!		Budget required
		Who with? (Tennis Victoria, Council Support, External Partner, Other?)	By When? (Short, medium or long-term goal?)*	
<p><b>Get your house in order</b></p> <p>Reflect on your business/club and your own behaviours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Do we welcome all members of the community to our club? Do we tell people that we are a safe and welcoming club/coach?</li> <li>✓ Do we create new opportunities from our communities’ requests?</li> <li>✓ Do we have diversity of thinking/opinions in our team?</li> <li>✓ Do we offer choice in participation and a range of programs?</li> </ul>				



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<p><b>Understand your community</b></p> <p>Reflect on your community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Have I spoken to my local council to understand the diversity of my community?</li> <li>✓ Have I researched and understood my local schools?</li> <li>✓ Are our participants the same as the people we see in our local supermarket?</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Partner Up</b></p> <p>Reflect on who can help you in your community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Have we spoken to council about key organisations that support local diverse community groups?</li> <li>✓ Have we identified one or two key organisations that we would like to</li> </ul>				





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		Who with? (Tennis Victoria, Council Support, External Partner, Other?)	By When? (Short, medium or long-term goal?)*	
partner with?  ✓ Who are the local schools in our community?				
<b>Promotion</b>  Review your promotional/marketing material  ✓ Do we promote a diverse range of programs?  ✓ Is it easy to read and understand?  ✓ Do your images reflect your audience?  ✓ Do we promote that we are welcoming, safe and inclusive of all community members?				



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<p><b>Ask Questions</b></p> <p>Be Curious</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Everyone is different. When people arrive, ask them questions and treat them as individuals.</li> <li>✓ What do they like?</li> <li>✓ How do they want to play?</li> <li>✓ How can you make their tennis experience more enjoyable?</li> </ul>				

## Section 4: Budget



### 9. Income

<b>Requested Tennis Victoria Funding</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Other income sources</b>	
Club's contribution	\$
Sponsorship	\$
Fundraising	\$
Other Grants	\$
Other	\$
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>

### 10. Expenditure (25% of the total grant amount needs to be dedicated towards off-court considerations)

Item 1:	\$
Item 2:	\$
Item 3:	\$
Item 4:	\$
Item 5:	\$
Item 6:	\$
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$</b>

## Section 5: Account Information (for payment of Grant if successful)

Account name	
Account number	
Account BSB	
Contact email	
ABN (If applicable)	



### 11. Declaration

- I state that the information in this application and attachments is to the best of my knowledge true and correct. I will notify Tennis Victoria of any changes to this information and any circumstances that may affect this application. I acknowledge that Tennis Victoria may refer this application to external experts for assessment, reporting, advice, comment or for discussions regarding alternative or collaborative grant funding opportunities. I understand that Tennis Victoria is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982 and that if a Freedom of Information request is made, Tennis Victoria will consult with the applicant before any decision is made to release the application or supporting documentation. I understand that this is an application only and may not necessarily result in funding approval. I understand that if this application is successful, that funding will be subject to terms and conditions set out in agreement with Tennis Victoria.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

12. **Supporting Documentation (optional)** - Any supporting documentation needs to be emailed to [inclusionvic@tennis.com.au](mailto:inclusionvic@tennis.com.au) along with this grant application by Tuesday January 31, 2023.