

TENNIS VICTORIA ACCESSIBILITY, COMMUNITY, EQUITY (ACE) GRANTS

Grants of up to \$1,000 are available to assist in creating more inclusive environments within tennis, specifically for the following communities:

- People with disability
- Culturally and racially marginalised communities
- First Nations communities
- LGBTIQA+ community

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be affiliated with Tennis Victoria or
- Be a current Tennis Australia Coach Member at an affiliated venue in Victoria

What Might Be Funded?

The grants can be used to directly contribute to making tennis environments more inclusive by supporting existing events or programs, or funding standalone inclusion initiatives.

Examples of what might be funded include:

- Welcome or inclusive signage (e.g., multilingual messages, Easy English, Acknowledgement of Country, First Nations languages)
- Accessibility/all-gender bathroom signage
- Inclusive flags/flag poles
- Multi-faith room/prayer space
- Sensory safe space for neurodivergent individuals
- Communication boards

What Won't Be Funded?

- Court hire
- Coaching fees
- Catering

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Initiatives will be prioritised if applicants:

- Contribute resources to the initiative, rather than relying solely on the ACE Grants funding
- Work proactively with a relevant Tennis Victoria representative

All funded projects are to be completed by June 30, 2025.

How to Apply

Expressions of interest for the 2025 ACE Grants are to be submitted by **Thursday October 31, 2024,** expression of interest form can be found here.

For assistance with an ACE Grants expression of interest or improving Inclusion at your club, <u>contact</u> your local Tennis Development Officer, Coaching Leader, or email <u>inclusionvic@tennis.com.au</u>

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