

How do I submit an Expression of Interest?

To submit an Expression of Interest clubs/venues, schools and Local Government bodies must contact the Places to Play representative from their respective [Member Association](#).

How long will Tennis Australia take to respond to the Expression of Interest?

All Expressions of Interest are considered under a specific funding round and typically there are two funding rounds each financial year, with funding announced at the end of each round. For current funding rounds and timeframes please see our [website](#).

How much money is my club/venue eligible to apply for?

It is essential that clubs/venues understand an Expression of Interest is **not** an application for funding. Select projects are invited to apply for a rebate contribution at the absolute discretion of Tennis Australia. For further information and potential funding levels, please contact your Places to Play representative.

What are some of the key things Tennis Australia consider?

In addition to the funding criteria and priorities outlined on our [website](#), some key considerations include project funding structure (ie. secured funding, club/venue contribution, if there is a funding gap) and project preparedness (ie. have quotes been obtained, will the project commence in the current financial year).

Is my club/venue eligible for a rebate contribution if works commenced prior to submitting an Expression of Interest?

No. Projects are only eligible if they submit an Expression of Interest prior to the commencement of works.

My club/venue is undertaking clubhouse works comprising of repainting, carpeting, tiling, etc. Are we eligible for a rebate contribution?

The rebate is not offered purely for aesthetic purposes and/or general maintenance works; however a contribution may be offered to the overall project where the main component is a new build or structural change to an existing clubhouse.

My club/venue is upgrading court lighting and fencing. Are we eligible for a rebate contribution?

An Expression of Interest may be considered for lighting, fencing and other tennis related ancillaries however will not be considered as a high priority compared to projects that increase the available playing hours, such as new court developments or lighting installation on previously unlit tennis courts.

How can I find a contractor/supplier and obtain quotes?

Your [Member Association](#) can provide guidance for sourcing suppliers and obtaining quotes for your project.

We have been invited to progress to a full application....

When will Tennis Australia advise my club/venue on the outcome of their application?

Tennis Australia will assess your application within 1-2 weeks of receiving it from your Member Association. Based on this assessment you will either receive feedback from your Places to Play representative or a formal response from Tennis Australia. Delays in this process will generally occur when partial applications are submitted (ie. incomplete application form, missing supporting items and/or insufficient supporting items).

When will the funding be paid?

The funding is payable as a rebate contribution when the project has been completed in full, provided that your application has received formal approval from Tennis Australia.

What happens if the project is not completed within 12 months?

If the project timeframe is extended or if the project will not be completed in the current financial year, you must provide a signed letter confirming the expected completion timeframe, that the funding is still required, and requesting that the funding be carried over in to the next financial year.

What supporting items are required with the application?

Applicants are required to submit relevant supporting items as per the National Court Rebate Guidelines and the Application Checklist. The key supporting items include:

- Current Business Plan
- Operational Health Check completion certificate
- Support Letter from Member Association
- Support Letter from the relevant Local Government body (council) or land owner
- Evidence of tenure (Eg: Lease Agreement) or (if applicable) evidence of your ownership of the site
- Design specifications for all works to be completed
- Quotes for all works to be completed
- Evidence of external/secured funding
- Evidence of contribution towards a sinking fund (Eg: profit & loss statement, bank account statement)
- Maintenance Plan (required for new courts, surface conversion and court resurfacing projects)
- Environmental Impact Statement (new clubhouse house builds or clubhouse redevelopment)

What is an Environmental Impact Statement?

An Environmental Impact Statement is an assessment of the impact your facility has on the environment. It should contain all strategies and initiatives being implemented to address any impact/s placed on the environment by your facility (Eg: installation of water tanks, solar panels, recycling bins, use of natural light). An Environmental Impact Statement should be provided for projects involving clubhouse construction.

What evidence is required in relation to the sinking fund provision?

It is recommended that clubs/venues contribute \$2,500 per court annually to a sinking/facility replacement fund. Ideally, these contributions should be deposited into a separate, high interest earning account. Evidence may include a Profit & Loss Statement and/or a bank statement confirming the account balance.

What happens if my club/venue does not have a sinking fund or cannot meet the recommended contribution?

If your club/venue doesn't have a sinking fund or cannot meet the recommended annual contribution, they must clearly outline how they plan to increase revenue over the next 3-5 years in order to meet the recommended contribution. Tennis Australia may also seek confirmation from your Member Association to ensure that your club/venue is committed to establishing a sinking fund moving forward.