



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** June 22, 2026
SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2026-041, authorizing the submission of the application and acceptance of allocated funds if awarded for the United States Tennis Association 2026 Tennis Venue Services Grant for Richland Tennis Center.

PRESENTER: Adrien Pekurney, Director of Parks and Recreation

SUMMARY:

The 2026 Tennis Venue Services Grant program, supported by the United States Tennis Association, provides funding to support public tennis facilities. This funding is offered for improvements, upgrades, and maintenance. The USTA application would be submitted for Category III, Lighting Installation of new or upgrades to existing tennis court lighting systems and fixtures. USTA grant consideration requires a certain category of lighting. If awarded, grant funds would provide up to 50% of the project total cost with a maximum of \$60,000. Staff will also be seeking additional donation funding up to \$25,000 from the Greater Fort Worth Tennis Association which has expressed interest in assisting with the project. This resolution represents the formal application process for the USTA 2026 Tennis Venue Services Grant.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking authorization to apply for and utilize grant funds, if awarded by the United States Tennis Association. The grant would offer partial funding for an upgrade from metal halide fixtures to LED fixtures on 15 of the 16 courts at the Richland Tennis Center. This project will offer more uniform lighting without degradation throughout the playing surface. In addition, LED lighting offers low maintenance and a more energy-efficient solution.

The City's FY26 budget already includes \$189,000 allocated for the Richland Tennis Center lighting conversion. Because the current 1997 system has reached the end of its lifespan and parts are no longer available, the project will move forward regardless of whether we receive the grant. Depending on the outcome of our applications, we will proceed with one of two scenarios:

- Scenario A (Grants Approved): If we secure the \$60,000 USTA grant and the \$25,000 Greater Fort Worth Tennis Association donation, we will install premium, tournament-grade Class III lighting. The total project value will be \$189,000, but reimbursements will drop the City's actual out-of-pocket obligation to \$104,000.



- Scenario B (Grants Denied): If external funding is not approved, we will immediately pivot to a modified project. We will still replace the aging system, but we will downgrade the fixtures to standard Class 4 lighting to save money. The total cost will be \$125,000, funded entirely by the City.

Applying for the grant gives the City a win-win scenario. If successful, we get a superior, higher-tier lighting system while saving taxpayers \$21,000 compared to the modified backup plan. If unsuccessful, the project is still fully budgeted and will proceed in a modified format to ensure facility safety and continuity.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2026-041, authorizing the submission of the application and acceptance of allocated funds if awarded for the United States Tennis Association 2026 Tennis Venue Services Grant for Richland Tennis Center.