

United States Tennis Association Middle States Program – School Tennis Grant

Grant Overview: The United States Tennis Association (USTA) is promoting tennis in the schools with free in-service workshops. The district feels that the three-hour workshop would constitute a beneficial in-service day for its Physical Education Specialists. The USTA will supply eight (8) lesson plans to provide a positive introduction to the sport and a binder with the curriculum and DVDs to show technique and implementation. The workshop will provide the following equipment at no charge: twenty-four (24) rackets, two (2) sets of different types of balls, and two (2) pop-up nets.

The cost to participate in the workshop and receive the equipment is a \$35 membership fee to join the USTA, which one of the district PE instructors has volunteered to do.

The USTA provides additional funding through its School Tennis Grant competition. The district would like to apply to that grant for additional tennis equipment. The equipment would be used by the PE instructor volunteering to join the USTA for an after school tennis program at Sugar Grove Elementary School and/or Eisenhower Middle/High School.

Amount of Award: Up to \$3,000.00.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Due January 31, 2012. Notification will be within two months of grant submission.

Alternatives if not Awarded: The proposed grant activities will not occur without grant funding.

WCSD Resources Required: A WCSD Physical Education instructor is volunteering personal time to commit .

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to apply to the United States Tennis Association for a Middle States Program grant to promote tennis programming in area schools and purchase equipment for an after school tennis program at Sugar Grove Elementary and/or Eisenhower Middle/High School.