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### USTA FACILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO AWARD \$18,000 GRANT TO MEMORIAL PARK IN MOUNT VERNON

**WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., May 5, 2016** – The United States Tennis Association (USTA) today announced, through its USTA Facility Assistance Program, that it has awarded a \$18,000 grant to Kokosing Valley Community Tennis Association in Mount Vernon, Ohio. The grant will be used to construct four new tennis courts at Memorial Park. The USTA Facility Assistance Program aims to support and provide communities access to safe, appealing and functional tennis environments.

“We are committed to enhancing and building more tennis facilities in communities across the country,” said Kurt Kamperman, Chief Executive, Community Tennis, USTA. “This program allows us to assist in the development process of providing usable tennis venues to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to play and enjoy the health benefits of our great game.”

Since 2005, the USTA has awarded these grants to support tennis facility enhancements, renovations and new construction projects to provide more and enhanced tennis venues for increased playing opportunities. In total, the USTA Facilities Assistance Program has built more than 39,000 tennis courts across the country, for all ages and abilities to enjoy the sport of a lifetime.

In addition, grant recipients receive technical assistance. The USTA Facility Assistance Program provides industry leading experience in tennis court and facility construction from concept plans to professional construction document review.

By investing in the rehabilitation and development of tennis facilities in the United States, the USTA believes these facilities not only will grow the sport, but provide venues for communities to gather and provide lifelong healthy activity through tennis.

Since 2005, the USTA has allocated more than \$12 million through the Facility Assistance Program to help support tennis facility enhancements, renovations and new construction projects.

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**The USTA** is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the U.S. and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level -- from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. A not-for-profit organization with more than 715,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds in growing the game. It owns and operates the US Open, the highest-attended annual sporting event in the world, and launched the Emirates Airline US Open Series, linking seven summer tournaments to the US Open. In addition, it owns approximately 90 Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S. and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. The USTA's philanthropic entity, the USTA Foundation, provides grants and scholarships and helps under-resourced youth and individuals with disabilities, and supports wounded, ill and injured service members, veterans and their families. For more information on the USTA, log on to [usta.com](http://usta.com), “like” the official Facebook page, [facebook.com/usta](https://www.facebook.com/usta), or follow [@usta](https://twitter.com/usta) on Twitter.

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