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**KENT TENNIS CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY GRANT SCHEME 2024-2025**

Our climate & biodiversity grants are designed to help tennis clubs and venues in Kent improve the biodiversity of their open spaces & facilities. With this funding we hope to help clubs/venues create greener, more sustainable places to play and enjoy the sport in our county, whilst fostering off-court member involvement, activities, and community-building.

The grant scheme seeks to:

* + Help transform spaces in tennis clubs and other tennis venues into vibrant, biodiverse areas that restore, conserve, and enhance habitats for the long-term
  + Support initiatives in tennis venues that help to change behaviours to increase the protection of green spaces and eco-habitats
  + Support the green development of areas within tennis clubs & venues
  + Promote sustainable drainage and minimise water waste
  + Support member/volunteer/community-led projects that activate members to contribute to club initiatives or foster partnerships with other community organisations (e.g. Local Men in Sheds groups / local care homes / local schools)

Foster innovation and creativity

**WHAT IS AVAILABLE?**

Kent Tennis is making individual grants of £200 or match-funded grants of up to £800 available to LTA registered venues that additionally pay the Kent Tennis County fee.

The total pot of money available in 2024/25 is £4000.

The deadline for applications to be received is **30 April 2025**

Successful projects will be notified within 4 weeks of the closing deadline and key venue contacts will be advised to supply bank details on notification of a successful application.

Kent Tennis’ portion of the investment in any successful projects must have been spent by **30 June 2025.**

**WHAT WE ARE HOPING TO FUND**

We’ll fund projects that increase the biodiversity of neglected spaces, create/boost habitats and inspire members to take climate action in their wider everyday lives.

We are keen to prioritise funding for projects that will:

* + Generate sustainable habitats for endangered and rare species
  + Be volunteer/community/member-led, using sustainable, locally sourced materials where appropriate and involving members or the community in habitat creation/restoration/enhancement.
  + Focus on including biodiversity-enhancing and/or heritage plants within a new section of grounds transformation
  + Promote innovative water-retention solutions in spaces that minimise run-off and help promote sustainability
  + Incorporate sustainable-material (e.g. educational signs) into projects to explain the planting and habitats created
  + Share the word of ‘biodiverse transformations’ on social media
  + Use the information given by the Kent Wildlife Trust and/or Pollinating London on their websites to guide the development of initiatives, actions, and/or species selection, if appropriate.
  + Sustainably continue beyond the initial funding from the Kent Tennis investment monies

**APPLICATION FORM**

**Please complete all boxes**

1. Name of venue

1. Name of key contact at venue

1. Telephone number and email address of key contact
2. Are you an LTA registered venue that has paid the 2024/2025 Kent Tennis County fees?

1. What is the total funding your organisation is requesting from the Kent Tennis Climate & Biodiversity Grant Scheme 2024/25?

6. Will you be match-funding (or more than match-funding) this figure for the project?

(a) If yes, what is the total anticipated cost of your project?

(b) If yes, what is the source of the match (or more-than-match, funding?

1. Please describe the project in detail bearing in mind the information section entitled ‘What we are hoping to fund’ [350 words max).

**ENNIS**

1. Please describe how (and by whom) the project will be delivered, bearing in mind the information section entitled ‘What we are hoping to fund’ with a mind to delivery deadlines. [200 words max]

**ENNIS LOAN SCHEME (2)**

Please provide a breakdown of the costs, details of the funds currently available, what other sources of funding have been considered or approached (whether successful or not), and illustrate how the balance of project costs will be funded:

1. How will the project continue / grow / be sustainable beyond the calendar year 2025? What interventions/expenditure will be needed to maintain the project and ensure sustainability? [200 words max).
2. Would the Kent Tennis investment in any project be spent by 30 June 2025?
3. If successful, will you agree to sharing photographs of the transformed space / delivered material with Kent Tennis for use in our newsletters and social media?

1. Please provide a photograph of the space to be transformed, and (if applicable) plansof the space/project

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| Name of signatory:  Club Position:  Signature: | Date: |

**Please return this application form to : info@kenttennis.org.uk**