## **Youth Sports Grant Funding Proposal**

## Phillips Park Junior Tennis

- Site name and address:
  Phillips Park, 90 Menores Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134
- Youth sports program name and basic information about program:

The Phillips Park Junior Tennis Program would be a youth tennis sports program that would focus on children starting to play tennis and developing their skills in playing the sport. Currently, the City has a program in another area of the city at the Kerdyk Biltmore Tennis Center. This program proposes a similar program in an area that is underserved for tennis in the City. In addition, this park is adjacent to a school, and the program could appeal to these students.

## Description of need:

In order to conduct the program, improvements need to be made to the outdoor tennis courts. The court surface has to be re-surfaced and re-lined and some perimeter fencing repairs need to be made. Equipment costs would include special nets, racquets and balls for junior tennis programs and water coolers. Staff costs would include the staffing of a tennis professional for every session, a program organizer, and support staff.

What the funding would be used for:

The funding requested would be used for the court improvements needed and the equipment needs. It is hoped that the funding would fund all of the court resurfacing and fencing repairs. In addition, the purchase of the equipment would also be covered by this funding.

Anticipated source of match:

The Matching funds will be sourced through the City of Coral Gables General Fund through the Parks and Recreation Division. In addition, funding through a partnership with the USTA would be pursued help supply the match. The City will provide staff time in the form of the league organizer, support staff and coaches.

Volunteer opportunities available with this project:

Volunteers will be sought out for coaching, league organizing and support staff. An additional opportunity would be a league opening day type of event that would celebrate the grant award and the start of the program. This event would require volunteers to assist in the form of preparing food and assisting with any other type of activities that would be offered throughout the day.