



TENNIS OUTREACH PROGRAMS

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Tennis Outreach Programs (TOPs) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to help at-risk youth through tennis, education and fitness.

Our goal is to open a new tennis center to expand our programs. In February of 2010 we signed a contract with the city of SeaTac to use 4 acres of land in their Valley Ridge Park. South KC is an ideal location for our tennis center because there are many low income and at-risk youth there; 67% of the Highline School District kids are on free lunch programs.

We have two King County council members who support our project and as such we had numerous discussions with the KC Finance and Parks departments. In the spring of 2011, the KC Parks department did a formal feasibility study (led by Monica Leers) on how KC could help us finance our project. Their recommendation was for TOPs to work with the levy committee to include our project in the levy renewal budget.

We have done a lot of work to develop our project and we, SeaTac and your Parks department have invested significant amounts of time on our project. We understand that there are many projects competing for consideration so we ask that you develop a truly fair process for everyone. We ask that you establish formal priorities and criteria for selecting projects and invite projects to submit formal proposals so that all projects can be fairly considered and evaluated in more than 3 minutes.

Again, we have done a lot of work on our project and our project will benefit many people in many ways, especially in south King County. We ask that you give us fair consideration.