

**COLLIER COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL CATEGORY "A" GRANT APPLICATION**

Fiscal Year 26 (Project) _____ Pickleball Conversion Phase 2 _____

1. Name and Address of Project Sponsor Organization:

City of Marco Island
50 Bald Eagle Drive
Marco Island, FL 34145

2. Contact Person, Title and Phone Number:

Casey Lucius, Assistant City Manager,
239-389-3969

3. Organization's Chief Official and Title:

Michael McNees, City Manager
Jared Grifoni, City Council Chairman

4. Details of Project-Description and Location:

The City owns and maintains a Tennis and Pickleball facility currently known as the Marco Island Racquet Center located at 1275 San Maco Road on Marco Island. The facility includes two indoor racquetball/handball courts, nine pickleball courts, and six tennis courts, an office including restrooms, and a meeting room with kitchen. The parking lot currently includes 48 parking spots. Based on a study conducted by Ballard King and Associates in 2022, 20% of the users are not Marco Island residents. The study further showed that the number of racquet ball players and tennis players had reduced significantly between 2019 and 2022. As a result, the City is planning to convert the racquetball facility and tennis courts into pickleball courts. In 2022, the number of pickleball memberships was 360 (up from 219 in 2019). There is also a current waiting list for pickleball memberships of at least 150. The total day guest pass over one year was 1,353 for pickleball alone.

The City Council has approved this conversion project and divided the pickleball project into two phases. Phase One is fully funded by the City at the cost of \$786,025 and includes converting 2 tennis courts into pickleball courts and removing the racquetball building to allow for more parking. This is a FY24 project and has already begun and is currently in design with construction beginning in late summer of 2024.

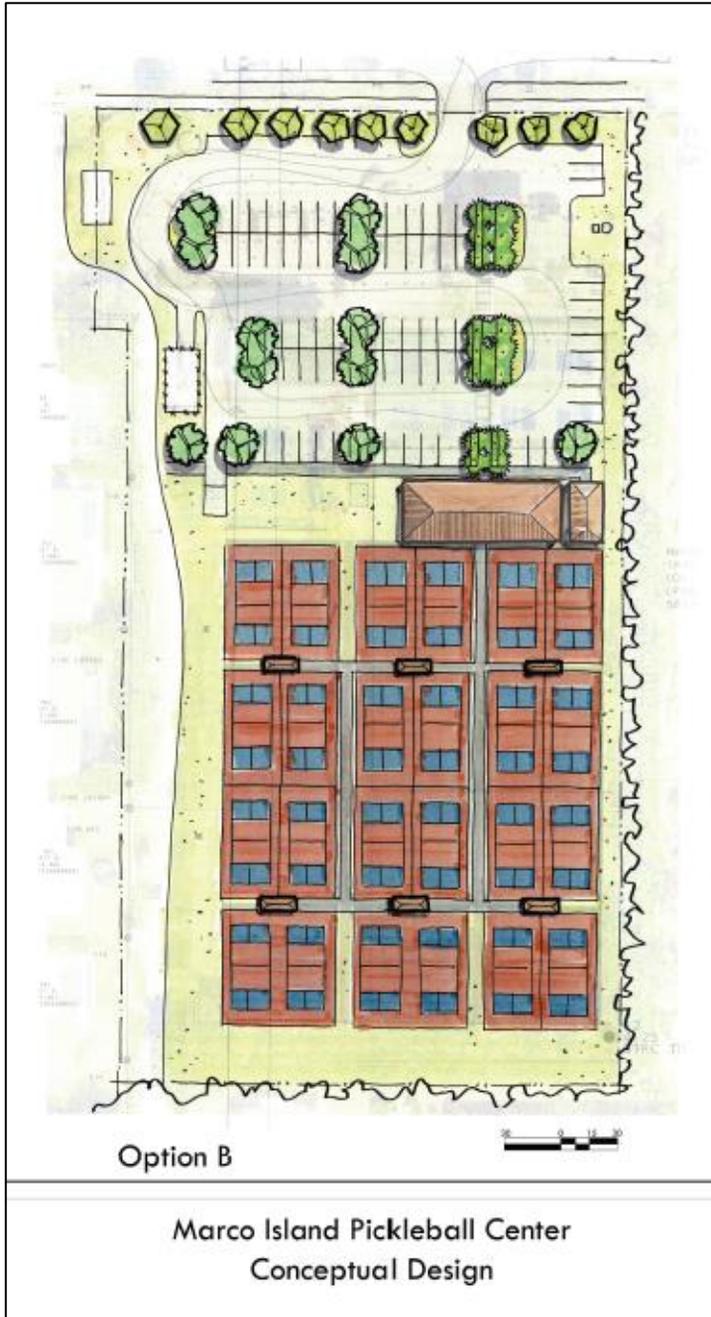
The City is seeking TDT funding for Phase 2 of the project which will include converting the remaining four tennis courts, demolition of existing pro-shop and construction of new pro-shop near the courts allowing for additional parking, and 24 total pickleball courts, which could accommodate up to 1,000 participants for a four-day tournament attracting visitors to Marco Island.

5. Estimated project start date: January 2026
6. Estimated project duration: 12 months
7. Total TDC Tax Funds Requested: \$2,794,865.
8. If the full amount requested cannot be awarded, can the program/project be restructured to accommodate a smaller award? Yes (x) No ()

Current facility:



New Design Approved by City Council:



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PROJECT BUDGET

<u>PROJECT ELEMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
TDC Funds Requested	\$2,794,865
City/Taxing District Share	\$1,197,799
State of Florida Share	0
Federal Share	0
TOTAL	\$3,992,664

PROJECT EXPENSES:

Design and permits: \$479,119
 Mobilization: \$319,413
 Project/construction: \$2,777,506
 Contingency: \$416,625.90

TDC Funds requested: \$2,794,865

MILESTONES:

1. Design completed
2. Planning Board approval
3. Permits issued
4. Public bid for contract completed
5. Contract awarded
6. Demolition
7. Construction at 50% in budget
8. Construction/Project completed