



The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO) has a longstanding record of lifting up the children of Appalachia. With this funding opportunity, FAO seeks to empower the region's young people to be a voice in their communities and specifically in prevention.

To learn more about this two-year funding opportunity to support the development and growth of youth-led programs focusing on prevention in Appalachian Ohio, read over this one-pager and visit www.AppalachianOhio.org/YouthLed.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

A funding and training opportunity that will award up to 12 grants in Appalachian Ohio **for adults interested in establishing a local high school-aged youth-led program or strengthening an existing youth-led program** by grounding it in the Strategic Prevention Framework and Youth Empowerment Conceptual Framework within Appalachian Ohio communities. The Strategic Prevention Framework, developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is a planning process for preventing substance abuse and misuse. The Youth Empowerment Conceptual Framework identifies the core programmatic components needed to empower youth to become community change agents.

Grantees selected for participation in this opportunity will receive:

- A grant award of up to \$5,000 over two years;
- Training alongside other grantees, tailored technical assistance, and professional development for adult allies who facilitate youth-led programs;
- Membership in a network of adults guiding youth leaders in Appalachian Ohio;
- Eligibility for possible additional opportunities, like:
 - Grant dollars to support the strategies youth leaders plan to implement;
 - Funding for additional professional development opportunities for adult allies may also be available for those selected to participate; and
 - Potential dollars to support your young people in growing their leadership skills and networks through participation in youth leadership workshops.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligible applicants will be organizations with adult leaders in Appalachian Ohio who are/have:

- new to youth-led programming;
- interested in establishing a high school-aged youth council at the local level;
- interested in training and technical assistance on the Strategic Prevention Framework/Youth Empowerment Conceptual Framework; or
- an existing youth-led program with a strong desire to expand their knowledge, skills, and abilities as it relates to engaging in Youth-Led Prevention and empowering their youth to create change in their communities.

Appalachian Ohio includes the following counties: Adams; Ashtabula; Athens; Belmont; Brown; Carroll; Clermont; Columbiana; Coshocton; Gallia; Guernsey; Harrison; Highland; Hocking; Holmes; Jackson; Jefferson; Lawrence; Mahoning; Meigs; Monroe; Morgan; Muskingum; Noble; Perry; Pike; Ross; Scioto; Trumbull; Tuscarawas; Vinton; and Washington.



HOW WILL IT WORK?

The goal of this RFP is to seek grantees who are interested in developing youth-led programming or strengthening their youth-led program in an Appalachian Ohio community. Adults selected to participate will be part of a rare opportunity to receive grant funds so that they can also take part in training, technical assistance, and professional development. Grantees will participate in a series of in-person and virtual trainings designed to engage adult allies of all experience levels by learning together.

As this is a unique opportunity to receive funds to engage in professional development while also growing a network of partners within the Appalachian Ohio region, **grantees will be expected to participate fully in every aspect of the opportunity.** The calendar of trainings required to be a part of the opportunity can be viewed in the RFP, found at www.AppalachianOhio.org/YouthLed.

WHAT WILL I NEED TO DO TO BE A PART OF THIS OPPORTUNITY?

Please make sure your team can check all of the following boxes before submitting your application:

- Our school, community, or organization is located in Appalachian Ohio
- We have two adults committed to serve as adult allies
- We have reviewed the Scope of Work and calendar to ensure consistent participation
- We have sign-off and support from our organization
- We have completed the application and budget narrative
- We have reviewed and signed the prospective grant agreement
- We are excited to empower young people in our community to provide leadership to prevention!

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Visit www.AppalachianOhio.org/YouthLed to learn more and download the RFP to apply. Applications are due by Monday, August 20, 2018 at 5PM and should be submitted by email to Kelly Morman, Communications and Programs Manager at the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, at kmorman@ffao.org.

WHO IS THE FOUNDATION FOR APPALACHIAN OHIO?

The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO) is a regional community foundation serving the [32 counties of Appalachian Ohio](#) with the mission to create opportunities for Appalachian Ohio's citizens and communities by inspiring and supporting philanthropy. Through FAO's Health & Human Services Pillar, the Foundation is focusing on youth prevention and the vital role it plays in the lives of our young people, their families, and our communities.

As part of the Pillar, the Foundation has created this funding opportunity to grow the level of engagement in youth-led prevention in Appalachian Ohio, increasing the number of young people leading evidence-based prevention efforts in their communities, and to develop a network of Appalachian Ohio communities working to empower their young people.

QUESTIONS? Please direct any questions to Kelly Morman, Communications and Programs Manager at the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, at 740.753.1111 or to kmorman@ffao.org.