



*A program funded by the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies' Summer 2016 Youth Philanthropy Internship through The Heinz Endowments*

**Applications Due: Thursday, August 4th 2016 at Midnight**

**Funding Opportunity:**

The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies' Summer 2016 Youth Philanthropy Internship Program is requesting applications from I.R.S. designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or governmental entities to fulfill a community need. We are seeking an organization to create or expand an annual program that will work throughout the school year to educate the youth in our community about the dangers of drug and alcohol use as a means of prevention. The program should also facilitate an event for students to explore alternative opportunities throughout the region (i.e. sports, arts, community service, and other various clubs). The program's curriculum should strive to educate gradually and vary the content as students age. In doing this, we hope to provide a more in-depth education about these topics and open their eyes to alternative opportunities within the community. This will prepare the students for the future and equip their minds with skills to make good decisions. As a result, this program can help prevent serious drug and alcohol problems that occur by helping students get involved in other types of activities. This program should be sustainable and designed with the intent of occurring annually so consideration will be given to projects that partner with local businesses or have other means of helping to ensure stability for future years. It is anticipated that one organization will be awarded one grant of \$25,000; however, budgets should not be inflated to meet that amount. Consideration will also be given to awarding several smaller grants to multiple meritorious programs, or to one project to be funded over multiple years (totaling no more than \$25,000).

**Statement of need:**

Middle school is an impressionable time for young children and unfortunately some of the impressions left on youth during this time are negative. According to the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, children are most at risk to begin using drugs at age fifteen or

even younger. For this reason, the program should intend to primarily target students ages ten to fourteen. By doing this, we will hopefully prevent any early experimentation. With Bedford being 43rd, Somerset 27th, and Cambria 3rd highest out of 67 counties for overdose death rates in Pennsylvania, we acknowledge that there is an enormous drug problem and realize that it is most beneficial to educate our youth on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. According to Botvin and Scheier, the most effective way to run a successful prevention program is to increase academic and social competence while also reinforcing anti-drug attitudes. Therefore, we ask that each year the students be provided with an event that will showcase extracurricular activities throughout the area. In addition, because of the harsh nature and content of drugs and alcohol, we expect that the educational portion of this program increase in intensity in the four years. Additionally, we request that the program not follow the model of the D.A.R.E. program (proven in a meta-analysis of 11 peer-reviewed studies to be ineffective at preventing drug use and that D.A.R.E. graduates are indistinguishable from students who did not participate), or the "Just Say No" campaign that took place in the 1980s (considered a failure because it only taught students that drugs were bad and their use is prohibited).

**Project Goals:**

- Gradually educate students on drugs and their harmful effects
- Facilitate an event promoting activities/hobbies as an alternative to drug use
- Primarily target the age range of 10-14
- Project will occur annually
- Decrease drug use in upcoming generations

**Preferences (not limitations):**

- Make program available to more than one school
- Provide an event informing students about part-time job opportunities instead of activities/hobbies later in the program

**Who May Apply:**

***Applications may be submitted by a single agency, but partnerships and collaborations will also be considered. The agency/lead agency must meet the following criteria:***

- A 501(c)(3) organization providing a service in Bedford, Cambria, and/or Somerset County.
- In full compliance with all federal, state, county, and local requirements and laws pertaining to nonprofits, including the USA Patriot Act and other counterterrorism laws.

**How to Apply:**

***Applicants must submit the following:***

- Agency information and application questions (below)
- Detailed project budget
- Organization's annual financial statements
- Organization's most recent audit
- List of board of directors
- IRS 501-(c)(3) determination letter

**Agency Information:**

Nonprofit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Information:**

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Request (Up to \$25,000): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Project Budget: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship with other organization(s) relevant to this project (if applicable):

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Please complete the following questions in a separate document.

**Application Questions:**

- 1. Please describe your organization (and any collaborative organizations), including your goals, mission statement, and major accomplishments.**
- 2. Outline your intended program (or program you wish to improve), target audience, implementation, and timeframe.**
- 3. Please identify your other funding sources for this project.**
- 4. Will you partner with any other organizations or utilize other resources to help you accomplish these objectives?**
- 5. How will this program be different from other drug prevention programs?**
- 6. Give a detailed description of how the curriculum will advance over the course of this program, from age group to age group.**
- 7. How do you intend on running the event that offers activities? About how many activities will be offered? What kind of variety in activities will you offer?**
- 8. How does your organization plan to sustain the program beyond this grant period?**
- 9. What challenges do you expect to face and how will you address them?**
- 10. Who will be educating the students and can you provide a summarized version of the curriculum you plan to use?**
- 11. Will this program be offered to multiple schools in our region? If so, do you anticipate any challenges and how will you overcome them?**

**Please send proposals to:**  
**Community Foundation for the Alleghenies**  
**Attn: 2014 Youth Philanthropy Internship Program**  
**Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15901**  
**116 Market Street, Suite 4**  
**(814) 536-7741**

Or submit them electronically to:  
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