INVESTING IN YOUTH RESILIENCY
Frequently Asked Questions

This Frequently Asked Questions document was created to answer application specific questions prospective applicants may have, as well as best practices for using the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio's online application system.

About Eligibility

Q: Is my organization eligible for the Investing in Youth Resiliency grant round?
A: Nonprofit and public organizations are eligible for this grant opportunity. Nonprofit organizations include 501(c) organizations under the Internal Revenue Code. Organizations other than 501(c)(3) may be asked to confirm the charitable purpose of the proposed activity. Public organizations include public school districts, government subdivisions like municipalities, and other entities that are audited through the Auditor of State. Groups without either status but working in fiscal agent partnership with either a nonprofit or public entity are eligible to apply but will be asked to identify the specific fiscal agent partnership.

Q: Where can I confirm my tax status?
A: Nonprofit organizations can submit a copy of their IRS Decision Letters from the Internal Revenue Service or can visit IRS Select Check to confirm their tax status. Public organizations can access a copy of their audited financial statements at https://ohioauditor.gov. Public organizations may also have a governmental information letter from the Internal Revenue Service which confirms public organization status.

Q: How do you define out-of-school time?
A: Out-of-school (OOS) includes periods before and after the school day, evenings, weekends, and school breaks when young people do not have access to the same programming they would have during the school day. School districts may apply to support programs that are provided during these periods before and after school, evenings, and weekends that do not fall within the formal school day schedule. For further questions about program concepts, please contact the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio at 740.753.1111.

About Capacity Building Requests

Q: What do you mean by capacity building?
A: Requests may be used to provide professional development or training activities for staff, for example but not limited learning more about trauma-informed care, social-emotional learning

strategies, or other technical knowledge that can be used to better serve young people through their programs.

Capacity building dollars may also be used to support activities designed to increase staff engagement and retention, for example but not limited to retention strategies, staff wellness days, or other activities that allow for staff to be renewed and rejuvenated for the critical role those working in direct service provide.

These dollars can also be used to support technology and equipment upgrades to better allow staff to engage in their work, for example but not limited to hotspots and internet service to be able to conduct their work, hardware improvements including laptops and video equipment to better serve the program, and other needs in these categories.

Please note that these are only examples and we look forward to learning more about organizational needs to increase the capacity of applying organizations to serve young people. Organizations are welcome to approach this section creatively.

Q: How do I include capacity building requests in my overall application?
B: Requests should include proposed capacity building activities and associated budget costs in the overall project request.

Q: What if my organization doesn't have a specific capacity building need identified right now?
A: We understand that the nature of direct service work means that organizations may not have had the time, bandwidth, or opportunity to identify specific capacity building needs. However, this section of the application is intended to be a value-add to your organization and an opportunity to further strengthen its mission and service delivery. We encourage organizations to include desired and dreamed of capacity building opportunities in this section that will strengthen their abilities to serve young people as they build protective factors.

Organizations **are not** required to include capacity building requests, though it is highly encouraged. Applicants are welcome to reach out to the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio 740.753.1111 to discuss capacity building opportunities and ideas.

Q: Are organizations required to submit capacity building requests to be considered for the funding opportunity?
A: Organizations **are not** required to include capacity building requests in order to receive consideration for their funding requests; applications will be reviewed based on the proposed programs to support and build resiliency among young people first. However, applicants are highly encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to strengthen the organization through expanded services, enhanced program quality, and/or improve operational efficiencies, which will reflect a longer-term outlook to the program's continued ability to serve youth.

About Applying Through our Online System

Q: How do I access the application?
A: Visit [web link here](#) to access the Investing in Youth Resiliency grant application.

Q: How do I log in?
A: On the grant application sign-in page, you will be asked to sign in using your email and password associated with your account. If you have not previously applied for a grant from the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, you will need to create an account by clicking the "New Applicant" link.

Q: I can't seem to access my account – how do I troubleshoot this?
A: If you can't access your account, it might be because you have not registered with the system. To access the system, you will need to create an account using an email address and password by clicking the "New Applicant" link.

If you have created an account in the past, please try resetting your password to access your account. Emails will come from mail@grantapplication.com – please be sure to add this email address to your safe senders list to ensure you receive all system communications and check your spam or junk folders for any email communications from the system. Please note that the period at the end of the reset password should *not* be included when copying the reset password into the system.

If problems persist, please contact FAO at 740.753.1111 to further troubleshoot.

Q: How do I access my in-progress application?
A: After you save an in-progress application, you will receive an email from mail@grantapplication.com with a confirmation of your saved, in-progress application. This email includes a new link to your in-progress application. Using the original link to the application will take you to a new, blank copy of the application, not your in-progress one.

You can also log in to your account at htttps://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_6085?SA=AM to access saved and previously submitted requests. You will do this by selecting the in-progress application option from the drop-down menu in the top right-hand corner of the webpage.

Q: How do I know my application has been submitted?
A: You will receive an email from mail@grantapplication.com confirming that your application has been submitted, which will include the text of your submission in the email.

You can also log in to your account at htttps://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_6085?SA=AM to access saved and previously submitted requests.

Q: How do I upload attachments?
A: To upload an attachment to your application, you must first select the file you want to upload and then select the "upload" button. Documents successfully uploaded will include a hyperlink to the named file.