



# Operation Our Town Reporter

a monthly newsletter *by our volunteers to our volunteers about*  
our fight against drugs and crime in Central PA

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American Eagle Paper Mills  
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## OPERATION OUR TOWN ANNUAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

### Funding Announcement: 2021 Prevention Grant Cycle

**Funding Available:** Up to \$50,000 for programs aimed at preventing and/or reducing drug abuse and/or crime in Blair County.

**Grant Fiscal Period:** Will be from August 2021 through August 31, 2022. All funds are required to be expended during this time period.

**Eligible Applicants:** Non-profit organizations, schools, and government agencies. Previous grant recipients are also eligible to apply.

### There are two grant applications to choose from:

- Funding requests under \$3,000 or
- Funding requests over \$3,000

Click on the link below to view the grant applications:

- <https://operationourtown.org/grant-application/>

**\*\*\* Please note that both grant applications have been revised and updated, so the updated versions (with the revised date of 4/27/2021 in the bottom right corner) must be used to apply for funding \*\*\***

**Due Date:** One (1) original and ten (10) copies of applications must be delivered or mailed to Operation Our Town by **June 4, 2021**. Any applications that are mailed must be postmarked by this date.

**\*\* Grant Deadline: June 4, 2021 \*\***

## Mission

To facilitate partnerships between community and business to fight drug abuse and crime through proven law enforcement, treatment, and prevention techniques.



## Month of June

6/3	Early Childhood Education Roundtable meeting	10:00am	Blair County Chamber
6/17	Criminal Justice Advisory Board Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Hybrid
6/17	Housing Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Zoom conference call
6/18	Pharmacy Roundtable meeting	7:15am	Zoom conference call

Save the Date!  
August 5, 2021

REPORT DRUG ACTIVITY  
**PUSH OUT THE PUSHER**  
814-693-3020



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**DelGrosso's PARK LAGUNA Splash**

**Operation Our Town Day at DelGrosso's Park**

**BUDDY BEAR**

Learn more about Operation Our Town and how the funds they raise help fight drugs and crime in Central PA

Come Check Out Drug Dog Demos & Other Special Activities!

Our Town... A Great Place to Live!

Visit [www.OperationOurTown.org](http://www.OperationOurTown.org) to Learn More About Operation Our Town and to Donate!

**\$20 ALL-DAY FUN PASS**

For each Coupon redeemed, \$3 will be donated back to Operation Our Town!

Coupon Valid August 5, 2021 Only  
Not Valid With Any Other Offer

All-Day Fun Pass Regular Price: \$31.95

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PR - Operation Our Town Day

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**BLAIR DRUG & ALCOHOL PARTNERSHIPS**  
Empowering Healthy Lifestyles

814-381-0921

## Grant Recipient Highlight:

# Center for Independent Living of South Central PA TEAM Builders Program

By: Marlene Dancy-Murray, PMSC AmeriCorps  
Member with Operation Our Town



TEAM Builders is an afterschool program to engage Blair County youth in healthy activities that promote physical wellness, exercise, self-confidence, self-esteem, respect of self and others. This program is designated for middle school and high school students. The mission is to establish a supportive and safe community climate where all youth are accepted and respected so that young people are able to learn and grow into responsible and caring adults. The goal is to invite students to come together, engage in physical and mental wellness activities, and then to learn and practice ways that they can help to prevent bullying behaviors and build positive relationships. The Center for Independent Living of South Central PA's purpose is to keep youth engaged and to deliver a bullying prevention message.

The Olweus Bullying Prevention program is an evidenced-based program that is incorporated into the TEAM Builders programming. The Olweus program is used worldwide in schools. For the first time ever, the Olweus program has been expanded to include an after school component. Here in the U.S., Clemson University closely follows TEAM Builders activities to be certain that the fidelity of the program is followed and to collect data from their program to evaluate the effectiveness of the Olweus Program in an after school setting.

The program is held in Dorman's Sports Performance Gym. It is a "hands on" program that includes exercise, weight lifting, team building, problem solving, and recreational activity. In addition to the physical wellness practices, students have gained a greater sense of self-confidence, self-esteem, and other skills that help to promote social relationships with peers and adults. These are skills that can influence a lifetime of interactions with others.

The mission of Operation Our Town, "to promote healthy neighborhoods and protect it's citizens from illegal drug use and resulting crime," is at the heart of the purpose of the TEAM Builders program. Being a bully, victim, or a bystander comes with immediate and long lasting effects, both for the individual and the community in which he/she resides.



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