



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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OPERATION OUR TOWN ANNUAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Funding Announcement: 2022 Prevention Grant Cycle

Funding Available: Up to \$60,000 for programs aimed at preventing and/or reducing drug abuse and/or crime in Blair County.

Grant Fiscal Period: Will be from August 2022 through August 31, 2023. 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 3, 2022**. Any applications that are mailed must be postmarked by this date.

***** Grant Application Deadline: June 3, 2022 *****

Mission

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



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www.pa211.org



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Month of June - Meetings

6/2	Early Childhood Education Roundtable meeting	10:00am	Blair County Chamber & Zoom
6/6	Booker T. Washington meeting	4:00pm	Central Blair Rec & Park Commission
6/7	Northern Blair Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Bull Pen Restaurant
6/16	Criminal Justice Advisory Board Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Blair County Courthouse

Purchase your June 30th Curve game tickets through the Operation Our Town Night Fundraiser order form below, and a portion of ticket sales will be donated to Operation Our Town!

OPERATION OUR TOWN NIGHT FUNDRAISER AT PNG FIELD

THURSDAY, JUNE 30 – 6PM

Altoona Curve vs. Harrisburg Senators
BENEFITING OPERATION OUR TOWN



BUSINESS PACKAGE

Share your product or service with thousands of Curve fans on Operation Our Town Night!

PLATINUM PACKAGE

\$550 (\$100 Donation)

Have two members of your company participate in an on-field promotion (based on availability), first pitch before the game, receive a public address/scoreboard & program "thank you" for being a community sponsor and supporter, a concourse table to display your company's information/products & 50 Grandstand game tickets for June 30.

GOLD PACKAGE

\$350 (\$75 Donation)

Receive a public address/scoreboard recognition as a community supporter, first pitch before the game, a concourse table to display your company's information/products and 25 Grandstand game tickets for June 30.

SILVER PACKAGE

\$175 (\$50 Donation)

Receive a public address/scoreboard recognition as a community supporter, first pitch before the game, a concourse table to display your company's information/products and 15 Grandstand game tickets for June 30.

BRONZE PACKAGE

\$85 (\$25 Donation)

Receive a public address/scoreboard recognition as a community supporter, first pitch before the game, a concourse table to display your company's information/products and 10 Grandstand game tickets for June 30.

INDIVIDUAL GRANDSTAND TICKETS

\$7 (\$1 Donation)

OPERATION OUR TOWN NIGHT

- I am a PLATINUM supporter
- I am a SILVER supporter
- I am a GOLD supporter
- I am a BRONZE supporter

Company Name: _____ Contact Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Method of Payment: (circle one) Visa MasterCard Discover

Name on Card: _____ Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration: _____ Security Code: _____

IF PAYING BY CHECK, PLEASE MAKE PAYABLE TO: ALTOONA CURVE Check Number: _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT NATE BOWEN AT
(814) 283-3118 or NBowen@AltoonaCurve.com

Grant Recipient Highlight: ArtsAltoona Music Program

By: Nick Gordon, PMSC AmeriCorps Member
with Operation Our Town



ArtsAltoona is a local non-profit, with a mission to connect people to the arts to strengthen our communities. The ArtsAltoona Music Program recently received an Operation Our Town grant in 2021. Musical instruction is the primary service offered by the music program, and students of all ages are welcome. Currently, there are students from 1st grade on up, including an adult student! It's never too late to learn, and music provides a great outlet for creative expression.

Piano lessons are offered on Monday evenings, and guitar and drum lessons can be scheduled as well. Lessons are \$30 for half an hour, with scholarships available. A special Boomwhacker Band program for elementary-aged students is being planned for this summer. Boomwhackers are tuned percussion tubes, and lots of fun!

ArtsAltoona believes that, like other arts, music instruction develops confidence, self-esteem, and pride. For children, it helps build real-life skills, and leads to higher test scores in the classroom. Students of all ages benefit from music by increased opportunities for self-expression and developing a sense of belonging and attachment to community.

In addition to instruction, the music program organizes music events for the community. A free Open Mic Night is held on the second Thursday of each month. This gives musicians a chance to share their talents and meet other musicians.

All Ages shows provide an opportunity for attendees to see affordable live band performances. The Blair Creators Festival, which was planned with the Penn State Altoona Sheetz Fellows, encouraged everyone to

"discover the undiscovered," and featured local talent.

Make Music Day, a global event, is planned for Tuesday, June 21, 2022. As a member of the Make Music Alliance, ArtsAltoona is coordinating Make Music Altoona. Interested musicians and venues will be matched to provide free music events throughout Altoona!

Musicians are also welcome to volunteer to perform at our quarterly art markets. The Summer Art Market is scheduled for Saturday, July 9, 2022.

Lessons, open mics, and performances take place in the Blank Canvas, which is the basement level of the Education Building at the ArtsAltoona Center. Interested parties can help support an aspiring musician by making a donation or pledging monthly support to the music program. Anyone interested in lessons, volunteering, or donating can contact Sherry Dilling at sdilling@artsaltoona.org.



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Monday-Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm

