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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

Grant Cycle Opens: May 1, 2023

Grant Application Deadline: June 2, 2023

Funding Announcement: 2023 Prevention Grant Cycle

Funding Available: A total of \$60,000 is available to fund programs aimed at preventing and/or reducing drug abuse and/or crime in Blair County.

Eligible Applicants: 501(c)(3) 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

Grant Application: Visit www.OperationOurTown.org go to the "Grants" tab on the homepage, click on "Apply Now" in the drop-down menu to download the 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 (5508 6th Avenue, rear Altoona, PA 16602) by **June 2, 2023**. Any applications that are mailed must be postmarked by this date.

Grant Application Notification: Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by the middle of August.

For questions, please contact:
(814) 296-8730 or
shawna@operationourtown.org

Mission

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



REPORT DRUG ACTIVITY
PUSH OUT THE PUSHER

814-693-3020

2-1-1

Pennsylvania
Get Connected. Get Help.™

PA 2-1-1 is a comprehensive database that includes information about health & human services.

PA 2-1-1 can be accessed by phone 24/7 or the web at:

www.pa211.org



814-381-0921

Month of May - Meetings

5/1	Booker T. Washington meeting	4:00pm	Central Blair Rec & Park Commission
5/2	Northern Blair Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	The Bull Pen Restaurant
5/4	Early Childhood Education Roundtable meeting	10:00am	Blair County Chamber
5/17	Marketing Roundtable meeting	4:00pm	OOT office
5/18	Criminal Justice Advisory Board Roundtable	12:00pm	Blair County Courthouse
5/18	Faith-based Roundtable meeting	2:00pm	Blair Drug & Alcohol Partnerships and Zoom
5/19	Pharmacy Roundtable meeting	7:15am	Zoom

OPERATION OUR TOWN NIGHT FUNDRAISER AT PNG FIELD

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 – 6PM

Altoona Curve vs. Bowie Baysox

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 22.

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 22.

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 22.

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 22.

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
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Grant Recipient Highlight: Altoona Area School District ELECT Program

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



The ELECT program of Altoona Area School District exists to serve parenting or expecting students in Blair County. The program runs year-round (typically during the week) serving students who are ages 13 through 21 and enrolled in traditional school settings, cyber school, or actively pursuing their GED. Program staff meet with students in the school setting, home setting, or in the community. In the community, they typically utilize the library, as well as local restaurants as a meeting space.

In terms of programming provided by the ELECT Program, they offer groups on a bi-weekly basis, as well as monthly workshops at the Altoona Area High School. During the summer, they elect to hold workshops in the community, meeting at places such as Legion Park or Delgrosso's.

ELECT's mission is "to provide teens with guidance and services designed to break the cycle of welfare dependence through goal setting, fostering self-sufficiency, building healthy relationships, and obtaining a high school diploma or its equivalent."

As far as the services ELECT offers to the community, they serve most academic schools/programs in Blair County and some programs in Cambria County.

The program currently has 44 students enrolled, and offers supportive and parenting education services to those students and their families/partners. Family members are encouraged to come to events both in the community and at the schools.

By offering workshops and events to students and family members, ELECT offers attendees a healthy and safe environment to make connections with other families. They assist students and their support systems by offering them familiarity with community resources offered in the area to set them up for independence once exited from the program 90 days after graduation or completion of GED.

For more information about any of the services the ELECT Program offers or to learn more, please reach out at the contact info below.



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