



Operation Our Town Reporter

A monthly newsletter about our efforts to help prevent
and reduce drug abuse and crime in Blair County

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Operation Our Town - Annual Funding Opportunity

Grant Application Deadline:
June 6, 2025

Funding Announcement: 2025 Prevention Grant Cycle

Funding Available: A total of \$75,000 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 6, 2025**. 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.

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Annual Report!**

Month of June - Meetings			
6/26	Housing Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	U.S. Hotel Tavern

U.S. Hotel Tavern

<https://am.ticketmaster.com/altoonacurve/communitynights>

\$7 (\$1 Donation)

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

Grant Recipient Highlight:

The Door Student Services, Inc.

Operation Recreation & Inspiration

By: Nick Gordon, Operation Our Town
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At The Door Teen Center in Bellwood, youth are enriched through the power of fun, food, and fellowship. Operation Recreation & Inspiration transforms after-school hours (3-7pm) into an environment where students in grades 5-12 dive into exciting activities like beach volleyball and art projects, savor wholesome sit-down meals, and forge lasting bonds with peers and caring mentors. This combination of play, nourishment, and supportive community creates a family-like atmosphere, inspiring teens to grow, dream, and thrive in a space where every moment is an opportunity for connection and community.

The mission of Operation Recreation & Inspiration is twofold. Operation Recreation aims to rekindle the joy of active play, encouraging kids to step away from sedentary habits like excessive social media use and solitary video gaming. Operation Inspiration motivates teens to aim higher in their academic and personal lives, fostering a strong work ethic and providing the encouragement needed to succeed. The program rewards positive efforts with enriching field trips to museums, zoos, sporting events, and arts venues.

What sets Operation Recreation & Inspiration apart from similar programs is its commitment to being more than just a recreational outlet. It strives to be a "family-like" home where teens are known, taught, given responsibilities, and

rewarded. For those from stable homes, it's a supportive addition, and for those from challenging backgrounds, it may be their only experience of a familial environment, fulfilling an unmet need to "father a fatherless generation."

Transformation starts when these youth take the first step and walk through "the door", and through The Door they find more than a program. They find a home. If you have a heart to serve youth on a consistent basis, or are able to share a skill or a meal, please reach out to David Taylor to get involved. Volunteers are encouraged to participate on a consistent basis, so as to build a better connection with the youth and contribute to the "home" setting. For more information about any of the services The Door offers through Operation Recreation & Inspiration or to learn more, please check out their info below.



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