



What is the Appalachian Ohio Funders Group (AOFG)?

An informal group of corporate, community, public charity, family and private foundations committed to strategically enhancing Appalachian Ohio assets through leadership, networking, financial and in-kind investments, leveraged resources and collaboration.

Participation

Participation is open to foundations committed to working together to advance the region's quality of life and which serve one or more counties of the Appalachian Ohio region.

Purpose

AOFG will promote, leverage and sustain positive impact through a dynamic collaboration between foundations with common interests partnering with people and organizations to advance transformation in Appalachian Ohio. This is primarily accomplished by providing technical assistance and support related to issues, challenges and opportunities; networking with others interested in enhancing Appalachian Ohio assets; and co-investing, as appropriate, on mutual areas of interest.

Measures of Success

- Leveraged over \$30,000 to increase school breakfast participation in certain school districts
- Strategic networking that led to a foundation's development of a Community Health Loan Fund
- Pooled nearly \$10,000 to support an oral health assessment to improve care for school aged children
- Engagement of new funders focused on Appalachian Ohio, and support directed to local community foundations
- Shared learning about new opportunities and partnerships in the region

Meeting Topics and Schedule:

To achieve its purpose and encourage relationships between member foundations, the AOFG meets at least quarterly. Meeting topics are selected based on group priorities, emerging community needs and/or opportunities for collaboration. Meetings are planned throughout the region and the host foundation serves as the meeting convener. Philanthropy Ohio provides support and technical assistance for the group.

History

A core group of foundations began the initiative and has committed time and resources in support of enhancing Appalachian Ohio. This includes: The Athens Foundation, Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, HealthPath Foundation, Ohio Children's Foundation, Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville, Scioto Foundation, Sisters Health Foundation, and Marietta Community Foundation.

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