

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

1. Who can apply?

Organizations, neighborhood groups, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, schools, and community groups with a demonstrated presence in Salem County may apply.

2. Do applicants need to be a 501(c)(3)?

No. Organizations without nonprofit status may apply, but partnerships with fiscal sponsors or established organizations are encouraged when appropriate.

3. What is the funding range?

Organizations may request between \$500 and \$5,000.

4. Can organizations pay coordinators or organizers?

Yes. Coordinator stipends up to \$1,000 are permitted to support community leadership and event coordination.

5. Are administrative fees allowed?

General administrative overhead fees are discouraged. Funding should primarily support direct program implementation and participant engagement.

6. What types of programs are eligible?

Eligible programs include Play Streets, youth events, family engagement activities, enrichment trips, wellness programming, educational experiences, sports, arts, and community-building activities.

7. Can trips be funded?

Yes. Educational and enrichment trips that provide positive youth development opportunities are eligible.

8. Are background checks required?

Organizations are responsible for ensuring appropriate youth safety procedures and compliance with any applicable background check requirements for adults working with minors.

9. What if our organization is small or new?

Organizations with operating budgets under \$100,000 will receive technical assistance and capacity-building support throughout the process.

10. What kind of technical assistance will be available?

Support may include:

- Budgeting
- Program planning
- Reporting
- Marketing
- Volunteer management
- Organizational development
- Event coordination
- Grant Writing
- Proposal Development

11. How will applications be evaluated?

Applications will be reviewed based on:

- Community impact
- Youth engagement
- Feasibility
- Budget reasonableness
- Alignment with program goals
- Organizational readiness
- Neighborhood/community benefit

12. Will organizations need to submit reports?

Yes. Awarded organizations will be required to submit a brief post-event or post-program report documenting attendance, activities, outcomes, and use of funds.