

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Investing in libraries as community builders

Libraries in Appalachian
Ohio can apply for up to
\$20,000 now through Oct. 22



FOUNDATION FOR APPALACHIAN OHIO

In partnership with the Trust for Civic Life, FAO invites public libraries in the 32 counties of Appalachian Ohio to apply for up to \$20,000 to support “civic experiments,” activities that achieve at least one of the following:



Introduce entrepreneurial approaches to removing barriers that keep people from participating in their community.



Repeatedly bring together a group of community members who have not been engaged with one another, the library or the community around a shared interest, goal or unmet need.



Integrate volunteer or community members as program leaders to expand capacity beyond staff.

This opportunity was made possible through the partnership of the Trust for Civic Life, a sponsored project of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors.

A total of **\$250,000** will be invested to support Appalachian Ohio's libraries in work that advances civic health by bringing residents together in meaningful ways, ***including through projects that forge deeper connections among community members and provide opportunities for residents to collaborate in solving challenges and creating new opportunities.***



Libraries and library systems in the **32 counties of Appalachian Ohio** may apply for grant awards of up to \$20,000. ***Each applicant may only submit one application.***

For questions or additional information,
please contact Kelly Morman:

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Scan here to apply!

Or visit our webpage at:
www.AppalachianOhio.org/Libraries



Important dates

Investing in libraries as community builders grant

September 10, 2026

Request for proposals opens for online applications

September 30, 2026

Webinar for prospective applicants (optional)

To register, scan the QR code or visit:

www.tinyurl.com/libraries-webinar



October 22, 2026

Deadline to submit applications

December 2026

Funded libraries announced

January 1 – July 31, 2027

Grant period for funded projects (*must be completed by July 31*)

August 30, 2027

Final impact reports due

Fall 2027

Virtual convening of funded libraries to share lessons learned