



Fall Mountain Area Healthy Youth Initiative

Grant Overview

The [Fall Mountain Area Healthy Youth Initiative](#) (FMAHYI) is giving up to \$10,000 in grants of up to \$1,000 each to organizations that create, strengthen, and support developmental assets for our area's young people.

The 40 Youth Developmental Assets have been defined by the Minneapolis-based Search Institute (www.search-institute.org) through decades of research. The more of these 40 assets that are present in a young person's life, the more likely that young person is to hold positive values; avoid drugs and other risky or self-destructive behavior; to succeed in school; and to live a happy and productive life. The 40 assets include such things as community service; involvement in the arts; religious or spiritual activities; and consistent, high expectations for young people among parents, teachers, and other adults. A complete list of the 40 Youth Developmental Assets can be found [here](#).

The FMAHYI was formed in 2003 by more than 60 individuals, businesses, and community agencies to cultivate these assets throughout the Fall Mountain community.

Who and what we fund

We will support projects and programs conducted by organizations, and individuals sponsored by organizations that, directly or indirectly promote, develop, and disseminate the 40 Developmental Assets among people age 18 and younger in the towns of Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon, North Walpole, and Walpole. Applicants need not be based in these towns. However, grant funds must be used to develop assets for young people in one or more of these towns.

Individuals may apply if they are sponsored by an organization that exists independently of the applicant. The sponsoring organization will receive and administer the grant as a fiscal agent for the individual applying.

Businesses may apply if the project or program to be funded does not directly serve a direct commercial purpose. For example, we would not fund a request by a business for a grant to hire young people to pick up trash from its parking lot. However, we would consider a funding request from a business to hire young people to study how the company can recycle or reuse their waste.

A proposed project or activity does not have to directly involve young people. We will consider proposals for activities that strengthen the asset-building skills and capacities of organizations and groups of adults, for example, a training program for volunteer coaches on how to develop assets in young people.

What we do not fund

- Projects or programs that already have ended
- Capital campaigns
- Endowments
- Sectarian religious purposes
- Social events
- Loans
- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of age, disability, religion, ethnic origin, gender, or sexual orientation
- Organizations with divisive or litigious public agendas
- Individuals or associations that do not have liability insurance (although we are committed to help them find an organization under whose umbrella they might fit).

Size of our grants

Most grants will be less than \$1,000. For special projects or special circumstances that address a significant number of the assets, involve a large number of young people or stimulate systemic changes that develop a significant number of assets or involve a large number of young people, we may rarely consider larger amounts. We also may fund a request in part but not in full. On occasion, we may offer matching or challenge grants.

How to apply

Fill out the enclosed application and submit it so that we receive it before 5 pm on March 30, 2006. No deadline extensions will be granted.

Applications can be e-mailed as attached Word documents to info@fmahyi.org or mailed to:

**Fall Mountain Area Healthy Youth Initiative
P.O. Box 303
Alstead, NH 03602**

Technical Assistance

Assistance with understanding the Developmental Assets approach to youth development, grant-writing, logic model development or any other aspect of the FMAHYI grant-making process is available from FMAHYI President Steve Fortier. He can be reached at (603) 835-6536 or Steve@meetingwatersymca.org. PLEASE do not call his home number.

When you will be notified

All applicants will be notified of our decision between April 16 and April 20, 2007. Checks will be mailed to all grant award winners by April 27, 2007.

What we require of successful applicants:

- Proof of liability insurance (whether their own or under the umbrella of a “sponsoring” corporation or agency) and a Certificate of Insurance naming FMAHYI as “additionally insured.” (We’ll explain this at the informational meeting—please do not let this stop you from pursuing funding with us).
- A report at the end of the funding period. Using a form provided by FMAHYI, the report will explain what activities were conducted, show exactly how the funds were spent, and document the impact of the project on the development of assets among the young people who participated
- Agreement to allow their funded project or program to be profiled in the FMAHYI newsletter, press releases, and/or the FMAHYI website.

Any questions, please email us at info@fmahyi.org or call us at (603) 835-6536 (*call will be answered by a staff member of the Meeting Waters YMCA*).



**Fall Mountain Area Healthy Youth Initiative
Grant Application**

Organization name: _____ Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____ Website: _____

Contact person name: _____ Address (if different): _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

If you are applying as an individual, you will need to be sponsored by an organization that has appropriate liability insurance.

Sponsor's name: _____ Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____ Website: _____

Amount requested: _____

Project description (*please use a separate piece of paper*):

1. In 250 words or less, tell us about your organization's purpose and activities. If young people play an active role in designing, implementing and/or evaluating your organization or its activities, please describe how they do so.
2. In 250 words or less, tell us what you propose to do with your grant over what period of time. Please include how many people will be affected (directly and indirectly) by your asset-building activity and the ages of these people.
3. Using the list of 40 Youth Development Assets included here or available on our website (www.fmahyi.org), tell us which of the assets your project will develop and explain briefly how it will do so. Tell us about both the short-term and long-term changes you hope to stimulate by developing these assets. Please limit this description to 500 words and use the Logic Model form that follows to demonstrate how your activities will stimulate the desired changes.
4. Project budget: list your project's expenses and show us which of them your grant award would be applied to.
5. Explain what you will measure and when to determine whether the grant project has helped to develop the assets you listed in question 3.

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