

2021 | ANNUAL REPORT



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

As I am nearing my second anniversary as Executive Director at the Foundation — which also will mark the second anniversary of the start of the pandemic — I have been thinking about the answer to the questions that I am often asked: “What is a community foundation?” and “What exactly is it that you do?”

For starters, a community foundation is a place for local people to turn their generosity into local impact. The Athens County Foundation was started in 1980, when eight civic-spirited women each gave \$50 to invest in and support their community. Since then, the Athens County Foundation’s assets have grown to nearly \$11 million as hundreds of donors each year choose to make an impact through a gift to one of the Foundation’s 55 funds.

A community foundation is also a lasting source of support for organizations serving the community. Through our grantmaking, the Athens County Foundation awarded over \$682,000 to 88 organizations in 2021. Moving forward, we will use our expanded Response and Resilience Fund to provide a flexible source of funding to organizations that are responding to the pandemic, building their own capacity and resilience, or turning new ideas into action.

The Athens County Foundation is so much more than a vehicle for giving. What else is it that we do, and why do we do it? The words that keep coming to my mind are collaborate, partner, encourage, support, inspire, and invest. Our activities over the last year highlight these important roles:

- We partnered to multiply our grantmaking impact. In addition to generous individual donations, our efforts were enriched by the support of partner foundations and funds. The



Osteopathic Heritage Foundations, Sisters Health Foundation, and the Rocky Community Improvement Fund joined our grantmaking this year.

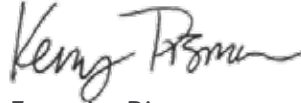
- Inspired by the community and opportunities to highlight our region’s natural and cultural assets, we invested in the further development of the Baileys Trail System.
- We supported and encouraged nonprofits as they developed their own strategic plans to emerge from the pandemic stronger and more resilient, ready for what’s next.
- We have encouraged the work to increase access to affordable broadband for all of Athens County. Solving the broadband problem will level the playing field and create new opportunities for individuals and businesses to thrive in Athens County.
- Together with so many friends and neighbors, we have been inspired to act with thoughtful intention and introspection about racial and social justice. We’ve hosted training sessions and community discussions centered around equity. We supported the good work of so many in our community with our grantmaking efforts and were, ourselves, inspired to create the Racial Equity Fund

of Athens County to serve as a long-standing source of support for this continued work.

Solutions to the systemic issues that we face in Athens County require sustained, strategic, collaborative efforts and investments. At the same time, there are immediate issues and opportunities that require solutions and support. I am struck by the importance of holding space for both efforts at the same time. Inspired by our partners, donors, and the vibrant Athens County community, we will keep moving forward with

intention and courage. We will keep working to seize important and strategic opportunities while supporting and responding to the immediate and critical needs in our community. Thank you for joining us in this work.

Gratefully,



Executive Director

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ABOUT US

MISSION

We invest in local strategies to empower Athens County residents and build on the strengths of our region, now and for generations to come.

The Athens County Foundation believes that a healthy, inclusive community is one that:

- values local input
- solicits diverse perspectives
- stewards valued resources
- encourages self-assessment and continuous learning
- promotes shared values of trust, respect, honesty, and openness
- recognizes the inter-relatedness of community development and economic development

FUNDS

The Athens County Foundation manages a variety of fund types established by donors for the benefit of our community. Choose the one that's right for you. It's a great way to always be involved with and remembered for your community investment.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

You can maintain ongoing involvement through the use of your gift.

When you establish a donor-advised fund, you will work with our professional staff to identify ways to use dollars from the fund you create to address issues and needs you care about most. We will submit your recommendations to the Athens County Foundation Board for approval; we then distribute the awarded grant dollars.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Your gift can address ever-changing community needs—including needs that cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made.

When awarding dollars from unrestricted funds, we evaluate all aspects of community well-being—arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health and human services, neighborhood revitalization, and more. The flexibility of your unrestricted gift enables the Athens County Foundation's grants committee to respond to the community's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow.

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

Your gift to the Foundation's Operating Fund is put to work to administer grant programs, deepen partnerships, invest in emerging issues, and provide opportunities for community building conversations and activities. Supporting the Operating Fund enables the Foundation to build a stronger and more sustainable infrastructure to provide programs and services that will have the greatest impact.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Your gift can target needs in an important area of community life: Arts, Education, At-Risk Youth, etc. You identify your personal interest area when making your gift. Our board awards grants to community organizations and programs that are making a difference in the area you select.

DESIGNATED FUNDS OR ORGANIZATION ENDOWMENTS

You can direct your gift to a specific nonprofit organization or purpose. Help provide ongoing funding for your favorite nonprofit charitable organization.

Creating a designated fund through the Athens County Foundation is an excellent way for nonprofit organizations to build their endowments and enhance

their ability to accept large and complex gifts. Or, contribute directly to one of the organizational endowments managed by the foundation: Rural Action, Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio, the Birth Circle, and The Athens Village.

TURNING RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS INTO CHARITABLE GOOD

There is good news for those in their 70s—and for the communities and causes about which they care. It is possible to give individual retirement account (IRA) distributions to a charity, free from federal tax, annually. This could be an attractive giving option for you if you are over 70½ and now receiving minimum IRA distributions—but do not need the extra income—and are interested in making a significant lifetime gift to positively impact your community. Using IRA assets to make a gift during your lifetime, as opposed to giving via a bequest in your will, enables you to experience the joy of making a major gift.

BE A LEGACY GIVER

MAKE THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME

You are invited to join a tradition of extraordinary generosity by adding your legacy to others who realize the importance of giving back to their community. The simplest form of a legacy gift is a bequest to the Athens County Foundation in your estate plan. Decide what matters most to you. Consider your hopes and dreams for our area and the causes and organizations that inspire your passion. Then contact the Athens County Foundation. We can share knowledge of the needs our community and the organizations working to meet our region's priorities.

Talk with your professional advisor to determine which type of planned gift is best for you. Arrange your estate plan to create a personal legacy with a bequest or planned gift for the Athens County Foundation. We welcome the opportunity to work with you and/or your advisor at any time.

For more information concerning any of the foregoing options, please contact the Athens County Foundation.

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Unrestricted Funds

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Athens Bar Association Fund
Athens Foundation General Fund
Athens Jaycees Seniors Fund
Carlsen Family Fund
Claire O. Ping Fund
David A. Fidler Memorial Fund
Dr. Bruce R. Paxton Fund
Ismail and Barbara Ghazalah Fund
James and Sara Gilfert Fund
John and Betty Laverne Peterson Fund
Mary Carolyn Clutter Fund
Marjorie Ann Malcom Fund
Mary Lee Malcom Sonander Fund
Ohio Realty/Wharton Family Fund
O.U. Greek Community Fund
Response and Resilience Fund
Susan, Bruce and Will Mitchell Fund
William and Elizabeth Turman Fund

Field of Interest Funds

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Alvi and Dean McWilliams Fund
Ann Fox Education Fund
Athens Racial Equity Fund
Athens County Trail Fund
Bobbie Britton Fund
Elizabeth P. Hollow Fund
Leadership Athens Fund
R. Craig Copeland Fund
SEPAN Fund
Women's Fund

Organization Funds

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Athens Village Fund
Birth Circle Fund
Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio Fund
Rural Action Fund

**Donor Advised
Funds**

17

**Designated
Funds**

5

**Scholarship
Funds**

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Athens Professionals for
Philanthropy Fund

Beale Legacy Fund

Children Conservation
League Fund

Christine Knisley Fund

Joe Burrow Fund

John Glazer Impact Fund

Keller J. Blackburn Fresh
Start Fund

Koshal Family Fund

Mark and Rita Snider Fund

PPE for Athens Fund

Rosanne Eigel Fund

Robert E. Pitts Endowment
for Appalachia Fund

Rocky Community
Improvement Fund

Shukla/Chase Fund

Solly and Sammy Fund
for Peace

Thomas and Barbara
Kostohryz Fund

Wendy Jakmas Fund

Athens Area Stand
Down Fund

Imagination Library Fund

Howard M. Walton Fund

Rebecca Dale Fund

Long-term Disaster
Relief Fund

Mary Elizabeth Lasher
Barnette Women's
Leadership Scholarship Fund

THANK YOU *to all
donors & partners
for your support of
the Athens County
Foundation!*

55 Total Funds

NEW FUNDS

ATHENS COUNTY RACIAL EQUITY FUND

In 2021, the Athens County Foundation, with the leadership of the Racial Equity Fund Advisory Committee, established the Athens County Racial Equity Fund. The Racial Equity Fund will provide financial support to selected anti-racist educational projects and community programs, while building capacity and opportunities for People of the Global Majority* in Athens County. The fund was established through an initial gift of \$100,000 from the Athens County Foundation.

The Racial Equity Fund will...

- **Build a community** that attracts, welcomes, and supports people of the Global Majority while rooting out white supremacy.
- **Support learning and education** to build knowledge, skills, and inform attitudes about racial equity.
- **Nurture community leadership** so there is capacity to leverage assets, identify gaps, and tackle challenges.

- **Partner with entrepreneurs, employees, and business owners** who are creating and sustaining a robust and diverse small business community that serves community needs and builds wealth.
- **Provide resources** to those advancing racial equity through grantmaking, convening, and relationship-building.
- **Build a funding source** to promote sustainability and lasting change.

The Racial Equity Fund is designed and organized by a volunteer Advisory Committee of community-driven, multi-generational individuals and non-voting Athens County Foundation Board advisors. The Advisory Committee maintains a composition of at least 50% diversity, where voices of people from the Global Majority are centered and amplified.

* The term People of the Global Majority (GM) has been adopted by many people to describe the majority of the world who consider themselves non-white. The term aims to empower and highlight the fact that non-white identifying people are actually the majority of the global population. Additional references for antiracism can be found at <https://www.racialequitytools.org/glossary>

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NEW FUNDS

DAVID A. FIDLER MEMORIAL FUND

An unrestricted fund was established at the Athens County Foundation to recognize the uniqueness and generosity of David A. Fidler. "Tony," as he was often called, was born in 1936 in the small British town of Spalding, Lincolnshire. He served in the Royal Air Force from 1954 until the end of the Suez Crisis in 1956. After leaving the Royal Air Force, Tony became a salesman for Howard Rotavator, a leading British manufacturer of agricultural machinery and implements.

In the early 1960s, Tony's work brought him to Amarillo, Texas. In his work, Tony honed the ability to switch between the Queen's English and Texan twang, a skill that enhanced his effectiveness in the boardroom and on farms and ranches across the American southwest. Tony

and his wife, Joy, decided to stay in the United States permanently. His career moved the family around the United States, from Amarillo to Wisconsin to Kansas, Washington State, Illinois, and Ohio, where he eventually retired.

Tony visited family in Athens over many years and lived as part of this community from 2014-2017. He enjoyed walking at The Ridges, going to the Farmer's Market, having lunch at the Village Bakery, and driving through the county's beautiful scenery.

The fund established in his name aims to honor the kindness, joy, and laughter that he spread throughout his life.

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NEW FUNDS

JOHN GLAZER IMPACT FUND

A donor advised fund was established to honor and continue John Glazer's enduring legacy of working both tirelessly and joyfully to support local social enterprises.

John dedicated his life to the oppressed, the voiceless, and the underserved. In 2018, John initiated the now three-year-old, federally funded program whose scope encapsulated his life's work. The Social Enterprise Ecosystem provides hands-on professional coaching and capital access to businesses that fill a vital social mission and also sell goods and services. John spearheaded the advancement of the "Social Return on Investment" methodology, which defines social impact in simple financial terms.

The John Glazer Impact Fund was established by Faith Knutsen, Carol Beale, Mark and Wanda Weinberg, Hylie and Bruce Voss, and Don, Eli and Jill Flournoy, in honor of John's dedication to entrepreneurial spirit and his indomitable drive to advance sustainable, impact-driven enterprise. In 2021, the Fund awarded \$25,000 to organizations in Athens County.



NEW FUNDS

MARY LEE MALCOM SONANDER FUND

An unrestricted fund was established to honor Mary Lee Malcom Sonander.

Mary Lee taught for 22 years at Miami University. She was an Associate Professor and acting chair in the Department of Home Economics with major interests in food and nutrition. Mary Lee also served as an ordained minister of the First United Methodist Church. Upon retiring from full time ministry in 1999, she moved to Athens. For a number of years she served as supply pastor in area churches including Canaanville, Stewart, and Clark's Chapel. She lived at her residence on Elmwood Place for 16 years and then moved to The Lindley Inn in The Plains in 2015.

Mary Lee loved to play bridge, garden, travel, and was active in interest groups of like the Athens Friends and Newcomers (AFAN). Mary Lee was a major force in establishing the Malcom Family Scholarship at Miami University.

This fund was established to continue her legacy of involvement in the Athens community.

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GRANTS

GRANTEE	PROGRAM NAME	AMOUNT
ATHENS AREA STAND DOWN FUND		
American Legion Post 21	Annual Athens Stand Down Event	\$4,423.00
ATHENS BAR ASSOCIATION FUND		
Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action	Athens County Broadband Coordinator	\$1,247.00
ATHENS COUNTY DISASTER RELIEF FUND		
Lutheran Social Services	LSS Food Pantries in Athens County	\$2,622.50
ATHENS COUNTY FOUNDATION GENERAL FUND		
American Red Cross	Preparedness and Resiliency	\$7,987.00
Appalachian Center for Economic Networks	Appalachian Accessible Food Network Project	\$15,853.00
Athens County Firefighters Association	Baileys & Strouds Run Rescue Support	\$4,112.00
Athens County Land Reutilization Corporation	Rehabbing homes, uplifting people and communities	\$4,195.00
Birth Circle	Prepared Parents Workshop	\$2,074.00
Community Food Initiatives	Veggie Van Expansion	\$7,318.00
Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio	HFHSEO Construction Social Enterprise Start Up	\$3,649.00
Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio	Endowment Campaign FY2021	\$10,000.00
Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action	Athens County Broadband Coordinator	\$52,038.00
Hopewell Health Centers	Capacity Building Support for the Appalachian Children Coalition	\$634.00
Live Healthy Appalachia	The Athens Community Lift Project	\$6,004.00
Marietta Community Foundation	Building Bridges to Careers: Community and Career Connected Learning Educator Liaisons	\$900.00
Ohio Valley Museum of Discovery	Capital Campaign	\$50,000.00
Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio	Promoting Health Care Access at the Athens County Health Center	\$10,000.00
Rising Suns Pharmacy	Program Start-Up Funding	\$4,090.00
Rising Suns Pharmacy	In honor of Susan Urano	\$500.00
The Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program	Capital Support for Trauma Advocacy Center	\$5,000.00
Women for Recovery	Driveway Improvement Project, Phase 2	\$3,350.00
WOUB	Contract Renewal FY 2021-Advertising	\$2,500.00
ATHENS JAYCEES FUND		
Athens County Department of Job & Family Services	Senior Emergency Assistance (SEA) Program	\$10,000.00
Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development (COAD)	RSVP program-in honor of Nellia Underwood	\$500.00
United Seniors of Athens	Implementation of Bingocize in Athens County	\$6,700.00
BEALE LEGACY FUND		
Rural Action	Reimagined	\$12,500.00
Rural Action	Reimagined	\$7,500.00
BOBBIE BRITTON FUND		
Ronald McDonald Charities of Central Ohio	Helping Hands 2021	\$1,046.00
CHILDREN CONSERVATION LEAGUE		
Ronald McDonald Charities of Central Ohio	Helping Hands 2021	\$1,954.00
Birth Circle	Mentoring Girls Training	\$1,785.00
Integrated Services	The HIVE - Out of School Time Youth Resiliency Program	\$6,046.00

GRANTEE	PROGRAM NAME	AMOUNT
CLAIRE O. PING FUND		
Community Food Initiatives	Veggie Van Expansion	\$682.00
DR. BRUCE PAXTON FUND		
Appalachian Center for Economic Networks	Appalachian Accessible Food Network Project	\$3,848.00
RESPONSE FUND		
Lutheran Social Services	LSS Food Pantries in Athens County	\$5,377.50
HOWARD M. WALTON FUND		
Herbert Wescoat Memorial Library	Fall 2020 Allocation	\$9,523.50
Wellston Public Library	Fall 2020 Allocation	\$9,523.50
ISMAIL AND BARBARA GHAZALAH FUND		
Appalachian Center for Economic Networks	Appalachian Accessible Food Network Project	\$299.00
JAMES AND SARA GILFERT FUND		
Ohio Valley Museum of Discovery	STEAM Packs for Students: Athens County	\$2,381.00
Passion Works	Community Arts Night	\$3,250.00
JOHN AND BETTY LAVERNE PETERSON FUND		
Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio	HFHSEO Construction Social Enterprise Start Up	\$5,351.00
KOSHAL FAMILY FUND		
Athens County Children's Services	for Santa Tree Project	\$500.00
Athens County Foundation	Athens Stand Down Fund	\$500.00
Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio	General Support	\$500.00
Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action	SEO Foodbank: Secret Santa for Super Seniors	\$500.00
Illuminate India	General Support	\$500.00
Ohio Valley Museum of Discovery	Growing Our Future Campaign	\$10,000.00
WOUB	General Support	\$500.00
MARJORIE ANN MALCOM FUND		
Rising Suns Pharmacy	Program Start-Up Funding	\$410.00
MARY CAROLYN CLUTTER FUND		
Athens County Firefighters Association	Baileys & Strouds Run Rescue Support	\$2,288.00
OHIO GREEK COMMUNITY FUND		
Live Healthy Appalachia	The Athens Community Lift Project	\$286.00
OHIO REALTY/WHARTON FAMILY FUND		
Marietta Community Foundation	Building Bridges to Careers: Community and Career Connected Learning Educator Liaisons	\$238.00
R. CRAIG COPELAND FUND		
Birth Circle	Prepared Parents Workshop	\$3,926.00
Hopewell Health Centers	Capacity Building Support for the Appalachian Children Colition	\$2,854.00
OhioHealth Foundation	Inclusive Literacy in Pediatrics	\$5,000.00
REBECCA DALE FUND		
Center for the Creation of Cooperation	Fall 2020 allocation	\$3,736.00
ROBERT E. PITTS ENDOWMENT FOR APPALACHIA FUND		
Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action	Athens County Broadband Coordinator	\$1,715.00
ROSANNE EIGEL FUND		
Friends of the Shelter Dogs Inc.	Shelter Staff Training	\$695.00

GRANTEE	PROGRAM NAME	AMOUNT
SEPAN FUND		
Hopewell Health Centers	Capacity Building Support for the Appalachian Children Colition	\$1,512.00
SUSAN, BRUCE, AND WILL MITCHELL FUND		
Athens County Land	Rehabbing homes, uplifting people and communities	\$3,305.00
THE ANN FOX EDUCATION FUND		
Marietta Community Foundation	Building Bridges to Careers: Community and Career Connected Learning Educator Liaisons	\$223.00
THE ATHENS COUNTY TRAILS FUND		
Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia	Fundraising Fund Transfer for the Baileys Trail System	\$43,900.00
Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia	ARC Power Grant Transfer	\$20,000.00
THE CARLSEN FAMILY FUND		
American Red Cross	Preparedness and Resiliency	\$313.00
THE ELIZABETH P. HOLLOW FUND		
Marietta Community Foundation	Building Bridges to Careers: Community and Career Connected Learning Educator Liaisons	\$2,139.00
THE ROCKY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND		
Blessings in a Backpack Inc	Blessings in a Backpack, Meigs	\$1,000.00
City of Nelsonville	Pool Upgrade: water pump	\$2,313.33
Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development (COAD)	Health Outcome Pathways Enterprise (HOPE)	\$500.00
First United Methodist Church Nelsonville	donation from RCIF	\$1,250.00
Integrated Services	Hive Summer Splash and Swim	\$500.00
Logan Hocking Local School District	Helping Families Be Healthy Families	\$725.00
Lutheran Social Services	LSS Food Pantries in Athens County	\$5,000.00
Meigs County Farmers Market Llc	2021 Special Projects	\$1,380.00
National Church Residences Foundation	Putnam Howe Village Health & Wellness Program	\$1,975.00
Nelsonville Division of Fire	Medical and Trauma Supplies for EMS program	\$500.00
Perry Emergency Assistance Program	Birthday Bags	\$1,200.00
Rising Suns Pharmacy	Continuation of Information Technology	\$3,600.00
Rural Action	Empowering the Next Generation of Leaders	\$1,000.00
SE Perry Food Pantry	SE Perry Food Pantry Operations	\$3,000.00
Stuart's Opera House	Next Step Capital Campaign	\$1,000.00
Trimble Local Textbooks & Supplies Fdn.	Support for Industrial Arts at Trimble Local High School	\$4,000.00
Women for Recovery	Rent Assistance Program	\$1,000.00
THE SOLLY AND SAMMY FOUNDATION FOR PEACE		
Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action	Support for Franklin Hogue's Funeral	\$250.00
THOMAS AND BARBARA KOSTOHRYZ FUND		
Allenspark Fire Department	General Support	\$1,000.00
Appalachian Center for Economic Networks	Appalachian Accessible Food Network Project	\$10,000.00
Art Center of Estes Park	Estes Park Woman's Monument Project	\$500.00
Arts West	General Support	\$500.00
Athens Conservancy	Stargazing Park Project	\$1,000.00
Athens County Children's Services	Children's Christmas Gifts	\$500.00
Athens County Historical Society & Museum	General Support	\$500.00
Biotechure Planet Earth Inc.	Haiti School Build Project	\$1,000.00
Blue Faery, The Adrienne Wilson	in memory of Tricia Alicante Schafer	\$1,000.00
Liver Cancer Association		
Bobbie Merritt Foundation	General Funds	\$1,000.00
Carousel of Happiness	General Support in memory of Ray Sheriff	\$1,000.00
Centre County Community Foundation, Inc.	Osaze Osgie College Scholarship Fund	\$1,000.00
Centre LGBTQA Support Network	General Support	\$1,000.00
Christ the King Catholic Church	programs supporting the public	\$500.00
Community Food Initiatives	General funding	\$500.00
Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park, Inc.	General Funding	\$1,000.00
Dairy Barn	General Support	\$500.00
Entertainment Industry Foundation	Colin Kaepernick Know Your Rights Camp	\$1,000.00
	Legal Defense Initiative	

GRANTEE	PROGRAM NAME	AMOUNT
Esselstyn Family Foundation, Inc.	General Funding from the Kostohryz Family	\$1,000.00
Fort Worth Education Center	Julie Rowe EducationFund on behalf of the Kostohryz Family	\$5,000.00
Friends of Strouds Run	Trail Maintenance	\$1,000.00
Friends of the Shelter Dogs Inc.	General Support	\$500.00
Good Works	General Support	\$1,000.00
Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary	General Support in memory of Raymary Sheriff	\$1,000.00
Iris Global	General Funding from Kelly Kostohryz	\$1,000.00
Live Healthy Appalachia	Live Healthy Kids Video Production Project	\$10,000.00
Live Healthy Appalachia	General Support	\$2,000.00
Live Healthy Appalachia	Banners for display in the city	\$570.00
Mully Childrens Family USA Inc	General Support from the Kostohryz Family	\$5,000.00
National Museum of the Mighty 8th Air Force	General Support in memory of Robert E Sheriff	\$1,000.00
Oasis of Hollywood	Programs supporting the public	\$500.00
Ohio Valley Museum of Discovery	General Support	\$1,000.00
Parkersburg Art Center	General Support	\$1,000.00
Passion Works	General Support	\$1,000.00
Project Plant	General Support	\$500.00
Rocky Mountain Conservancy	General Support	\$1,000.00
State College Area School District	General funding on behalf of Dr. Kate Kostohryz	\$1,000.00
Education Foundation Inc		
Stuart's Opera House	General Support	\$1,000.00
The Old Gallery	General Support	\$1,000.00
The Old Gallery	to purchase food bank supplies	\$500.00
The Pennsylvania State University	Gifford Albright Fund for Undergraduate Students Scholarships	\$1,000.00
The Wild Animal Sanctuary	General Support in memory of Kristin Kostohryz	\$1,000.00
Tides, Inc.	General Funds	\$1,000.00

WOMEN'S FUND

Women for Recovery	In honor of Jenny Stotts	\$500.00
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OSTEOPATHIC HERITAGE FOUNDATION SUB-GRANTS

Athens County Land Reutilization Corporation	Rehabbing homes, uplifting people and communities	\$7,500.00
Blessings in a Backpack Inc	Blessings in a Backpack, Meigs	\$4,000.00
Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development (COAD)	Health Outcome Pathways Enterprise (HOPE)	\$5,600.00
Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio	HFHSEO Construction Social Enterprise Start Up	\$9,000.00
Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action	Athens County Broadband Coordinator	\$15,000.00
Integrated Services	Hive Summer Splash and Swim	\$6,858.00
Logan Hocking Local School District	Helping Families Be Healthy Families	\$3,275.00
Nelsonville Division of Fire	Medical and Trauma Supplies for EMS program	\$1,200.00
Ohio Valley Museum of Discovery	STEAM Packs for Students: Athens County	\$2,400.00
Passion Works	Community Arts Night	\$3,250.00
Rising Suns Pharmacy	Program Start-Up Funding	\$4,500.00
The Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program	Capital Support for Trauma Advocacy Center	\$5,000.00
Women for Recovery	Driveway Improvement Project, Phase 2	\$3,350.00

RESPONSE FUND

In 2021, the Athens County Foundation expanded the Response Fund coverage to support programs promoting antiracism and racial equity in Athens County.

Launched in April 2020 to respond to the needs created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Response Fund allowed for greater flexibility in funding to support the immediate demands in the community. This funding model has allowed the Foundation to rethink how it responds to the community's needs and supports emerging opportunities to better the lives of Athens residents, such as supporting racial equity efforts. In response, the Athens County Foundation Board of Directors approved expanding the Response Fund grants to support projects that advance and promote racial equity in Athens County.

Through the combined efforts of the Athens County Foundation, the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations, Rocky Community Improvement Fund, and the Sisters Health Foundation, the Response Fund was able to continue supporting the community's needs. Additional funds for racial equity projects were made possible with funding from the Athens County Foundation.

In 2021, the Response Fund awarded over \$152,000 in grants, bringing the total to \$325,000 since the fund's creation in 2020. Over \$22,000 of this funding was awarded to support racial equity programming.

In 2022, the Response Fund will continue under the name "Response and Resilience Fund." This change further expands the coverage of this funding opportunity to one that is not only responsive but also one that strengthens the nonprofit sector's resilience and invests in opportunities that address critical issues and emerging opportunities in the region.

This fund has evolved from its mission of providing hope and relief during the pandemic to a proactive, flexible source of funding to support the community now and for generations to come.



TOTAL RESPONSE FUND
GRANTS AWARDED IN FY21
\$152,619



26%
Community &
Economic
Development



15%
Racial Equity



20%
Food Security



13%
Human Services



17%
Arts & Culture



5%
Health Services



4%
Others



RESPONSE FUND GRANTS

GRANTEE	PROGRAM NAME	AMOUNT
ATHENS FOUNDATION GENERAL FUND		
American Red Cross	Red Cross Biomedical Services - Athens County	\$4,000.00
Appalachian Center for Economic Networks	COVID Response and building renovation	\$250.00
Athens County Community Singers	ACCS: Providing Music Even During a Pandemic!	\$4,200.00
Athens County Historical Society & Museum	Community Remembrance Quilt Project	\$2,115.90
Dairy Barn	Holiday Pop-Up Bazaar	\$2,000.00
Federal Valley Resource Center, Inc.	From Old Savannah to Tablertown	\$1,500.00
Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action	HAPCAP Donor Retention	\$3,750.00
Ohio University Foundation	Consulting: Benefactor Group	
	International Student Emergency Relief Fund	\$3,500.00
OhioHealth Foundation	Nutrition Access Pilot Program	\$1,050.00
Passion Works	Phase One Re-Opening	\$5,000.00
Torch Feed My Sheep	COVID Operational Funds	\$2,500.00
Women for Recovery	Meditative Yoga & Writing	\$975.00
Women for Recovery	Meditative Yoga & Writing and Music Therapy	\$2,202.50
Ohio University	Howard Thompson Health Equity Research Fellowship	\$6,000.00
Athens Area Mediation Service	Anti-Racism Book Discussion Groups, Community Read, and Exploring and Countering Racism	\$4,700.00
Ohio University	Dr.Harold Thompson Racial Health Equity Fellowship	\$3,000.00
Stuart's Opera House	Antiracist Arts Summit	\$2,000.00
UCM-Center for Spiritual Growth & Sci. Jst.	Start-up fund for Athens Asian American Alliance (AAAA)	\$3,000.00
UCM-Center for Spiritual Growth & Sci. Jst.	AAAAs Participation in OU Homecoming Parade 2021	\$625.00
ATHENS JAYCEES SENIOR FUND		
Athens County Historical Society & Museum	Community Remembrance Quilt Project	\$2,500.00
RESPONSE FUND DONATIONS		
Appalachian Center for Economic Networks	COVID Response and building renovation	\$2,800.00
Dairy Barn	Contemporary Ceramics and the Southeast Ohio Ceramics Trail	\$5,000.00
Edna Brooks Foundation (dba My Sisters Place)	Emergency Funds for COVID-19 Response	\$2,500.00

GRANTEE	PROGRAM NAME	AMOUNT
OSTEOPATHIC HERITAGE FOUNDATION SUB-GRANTS		
American Red Cross	Red Cross Biomedical Services - Athens County	\$4,000.00
Athens County Historical Society & Museum	Community Remembrance Quilt Project	\$2,116.00
Community Food Initiatives	Support Local: A CFI COVID-19 Food Security Response Initiative	\$2,000.00
Dairy Barn	Holiday Pop-Up Bazaar	\$2,000.00
Edna Brooks Foundation (dba My Sisters Place)	Emergency Funds for COVID-19 Response	\$2,500.00
Federal Valley Resource Center, Inc.	Increase Community Food Availability	\$1,193.88
Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action Integrated Services	HAPCAP Donor Retention Consulting: Benefactor Group	\$3,750.00
Ohio State Legal Services Association	The Hive of Nelsonville	\$3,500.00
Ohio University Foundation	SEOLS Athens TAP Clinic Tech	\$1,013.84
OhioHealth Foundation	International Student Emergency Relief Fund	\$1,500.00
Women for Recovery	Nutrition Access Pilot Program	\$1,000.00
	Meditative Yoga & Writing and Music Therapy	\$2,202.50
SISTERS HEALTH FOUNDATION SUB-GRANTS		
Federal Hocking High School	Dinner is on us!	\$750.00
Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio	Critical Home Repair Operational Assistance	\$1,750.00
Integrated Services	The Hive of Nelsonville	\$3,500.00
Ohio State Legal Services Association	SEOLS Athens TAP Clinic Tech	\$1,025.00
Torch Feed My Sheep	COVID Operational Funds	\$2,500.00
Women for Recovery	Meditative Yoga & Writing	\$975.00
JAMES AND SARA GILFERT FUND		
Athens County Historical Society & Museum	Community Remembrance Quilt Project	\$1,501.00
ROSANNE EIGEL FUND		
Rural Action	Resilience Fund	\$15,000.00
THE ROCKY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND		
Community Food Initiatives	Support Local: A CFI COVID-19 Food Security Response Initiative	\$2,000.00
Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio	Critical Home Repair Operational Assistance	\$1,750.00
OhioHealth Foundation	Nutrition Access Pilot Program	\$1,000.00

LEADERSHIP ATHENS COUNTY

Like so many other programs and events in 2020, the Leadership Athens County 2020-2021 cohort “pivoted” and “went virtual.” With a program theme of “Leading Through Disruption,” sixteen dedicated participants joined the online classes sessions twice a month to hear from speakers and view presentations, share their experiences and ideas, discuss the book *Disrupt Yourself*, and connect.

While the program delivery method changed, the spirit and goals of Leadership Athens County remained the same:

- **Build** community and individual leadership capacity and networks
- **Encourage** participants to learn about themselves and each other
- **Gain** new perspectives and insights on the challenges, assets, and resources in Athens County

Leadership Athens County attracts those who feel a calling to engage deeply in their community. They want to find ways to make a difference, meet new people and make meaningful connections, and learn more about this remarkable place where they live, work, and learn.

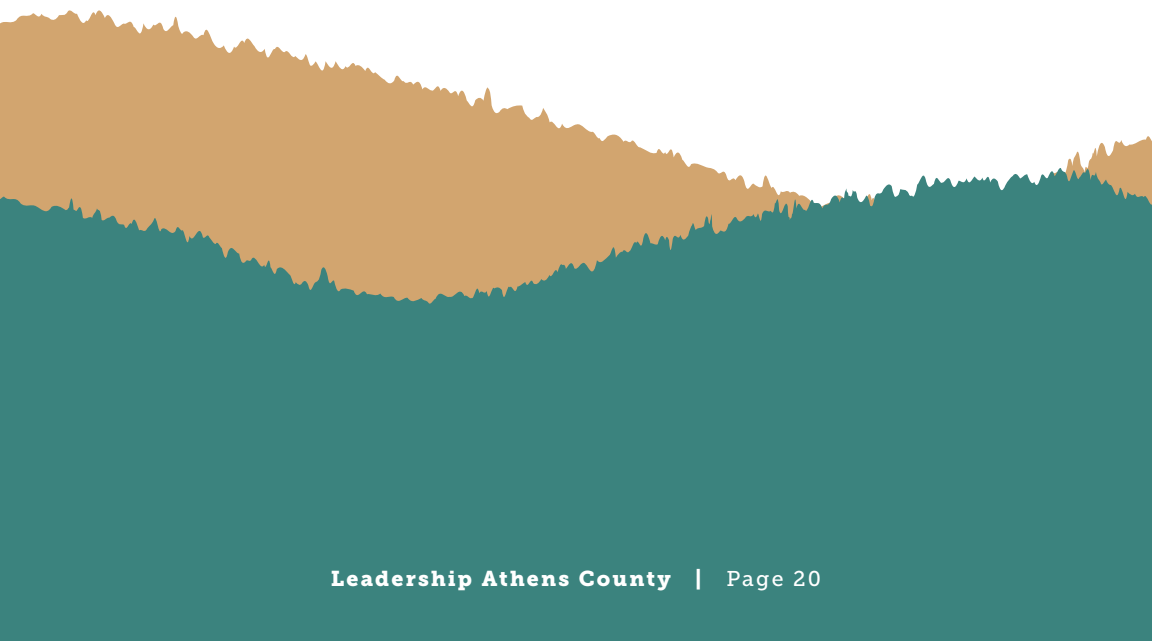
The Leadership Athens County curriculum is built around the following themes. As the program year progresses, participants explore how the themes connect, influence, and interact with each other:

- Capitalizing on Natural and Cultural Assets
- Cultivating a Ready Workforce
- Building Critical Infrastructure
- Identifying Economic Opportunities
- Creating Healthy Communities
- Building Awareness of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Developing Community Capacity

In September 2021, Leadership Athens County pivoted back to in-person programming, with 19 participants gathering and learning together.



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