# Appalachia Funders Network Working Group Summary

FOOD SYSTEMS, HEALTH & STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY CAPACITY
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Table 1. Working Group Members				
Alleghany Foundation* FS	Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky* H, FS			
Appalachian Community Fund* H, FS, SCC	Foundation for the Tri-State Community, Inc.* SCC			
Appalachian Regional Commission* H, FS, SCC	Greater Clark Foundation* H			
Athens Foundation* H	Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation H, FS, SCC			
BB&T Bank <sup>t</sup> FS	HealthPath Foundation of Ohio* H			
Bernard McDonough Foundation* H	Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust* H			
Bluegrass Community Foundation* FS, SCC	Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation* FS			
Casey Family Programs* H	One Foundation* FS			
Center for Appalachian Philanthropy FS	Osteopathic Heritage Foundations* H, FS			
Center for Rural Entrepreneurship SCC	Parkersburg Area Community Foundation* SCC			
Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation* H, FS	Philanthropy West Virginia SCC			
Community Foundation of the Ohio Valley* SCC	Ross Foundation* FS			
Community Foundation of Western North Carolina* FS	Sacharuna Foundation* FS			
Conservation Fund H, FS, SCC	Sisters Health Foundation* H			
East Tennessee Foundation* FS, SCC	Thompson Charitable Foundation* H			
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland H	US Department of Agriculture Rural Development OH FS			
Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond <sup>†</sup> FS, SCC	US Department of Agriculture Rural Development TN <sup>+</sup> FS			
Federal Reserve Board <sup>†</sup> FS	US Department of Agriculture Rural Development WV <sup>+</sup> FS			
Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky* H, FS, SCC	Wythe-Bland Foundation* H			
Foundation for Appalachian Ohio* SCC				

The organization's data is included in all data summaries in this document

The organization's financial data is not included in the document

FS Denotes membership in Food Systems Working Group

Denotes membership in Health Working Group

SCC Denotes membership in Strengthening Community Capacity Working Group

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The Appalachia Funders Network (AFN) commissioned this document to summarize the resources, geographic reach, and funding priorities of three of its working groups: the Food Systems Working Group; the Health Working Group; and the Strengthening Community Capacity Working Group (see the table on the previous page for a list of members). Data sources for this summary include working group members' websites, Guidestar, and membership profile data. Working group members had an opportunity to review and correct the data about their organization prior to the development of this summary.

# Overview of the Working Group Members

Total Assets of Foundations in Working Groups

Annual Giving Nationwide among Working Group Members

Over Annual Giving in Appalachia among Working Group

Members

Over

Nearly \$5 billion
Over \$234 million
Over \$86 million

**Table 2. Members by Organization Type** 

Type of Organization	Number of this type of organization in working groups	Combined Assets	Combined Annual Giving Nationwide	Combined Annual Giving in Appalachia	Shared Priorities Areas identified as priorities/areas of interest by a majority of organizations in this category
Private Foundations	11	\$1.6 billion	\$71.5 million	Over \$52.1 million*	Access to healthcare, community and/or economic development, disease prevention and/or management, education
Community Foundations	12	\$965.1 million	\$49.2 million	Over \$29.7 million	Access to healthcare, disease prevention and/or management, community and/or economic development, education
Federal Agencies	7	n/a**	n/a**	n/a**	Community and/or economic development, housing
Public Charities	4	\$120.3 million	\$5.8 million	\$5.8 million	Access to healthcare, disease prevention and/or management, food access
Operating Foundation	1	\$2.2 billion	\$107.7 million	n/a	Foster care
Bank	1	n/a**	n/a**	n/a**	Arts, capacity building, community and/or economic development, food access, food systems, housing, human services, workforce development
Total	36	\$5.0 billion	\$234.1 million	Over \$87.8 million	

<sup>\*</sup>Cells in which the word "over" precedes a value indicate that information was not available for at least one working group member in this category. The actual total for the category will exceed the amount given in the table.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Financial data for federal agencies and banks were omitted in order to represent the assets available for philanthropic investment in the region.

# Geographic Areas Served by Working Group Members

#### Overall

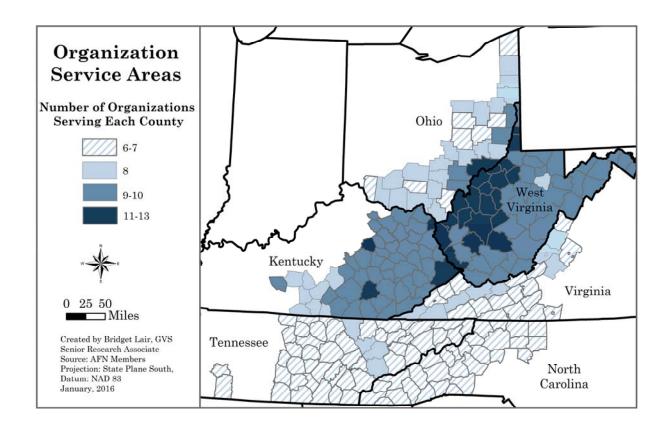
The map below, "Organization Service Areas," provides an overview of AFN working group members' service areas. Because AFN's focus is on central Appalachia, the maps in this report are limited to those counties. By overlaying the service areas of all organizations, the map is able to show those counties with the highest concentration of working group members (meaning that the largest number of working group members include those counties in their service areas) and those with the lowest

A map of Central Appalachia with county names is included in Appendix A of this document.

concentration (meaning that the fewest number of working group members include those counties in their service areas). II

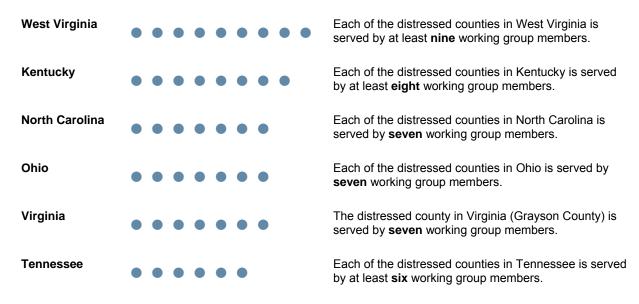
Thirteen working group members include West Virginia's Jackson and Wood counties in their service areas, giving these two counties the counties the highest concentration of working group members.

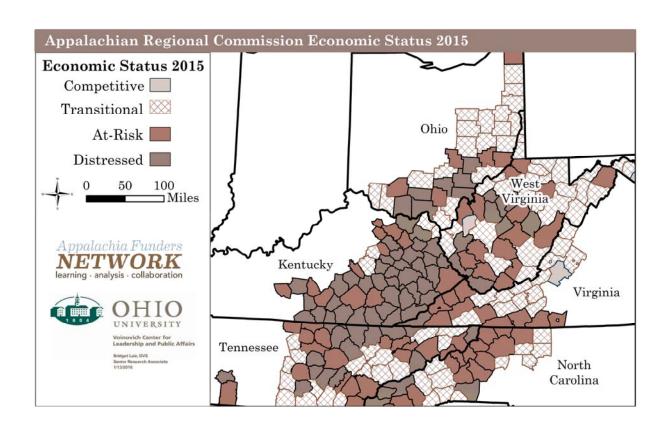
Overall, there is the most overlap among working group members in the western portion of West Virginia, Ohio's Athens and Washington counties, and scattered counties in eastern Kentucky. The counties with the lowest concentration of working group members are in Tennessee and western North Carolina.



#### **Economically Distressed Counties**

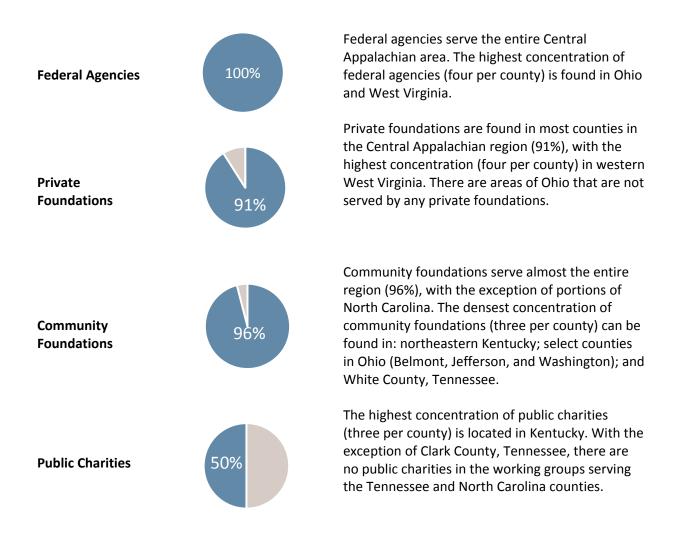
All counties designated by the Appalachian Regional Commission as "distressed" are served by at least six working group members. The figure below depicts the number of working groups serving distressed counties by state. The map shows the economic status of the counties served by AFN.

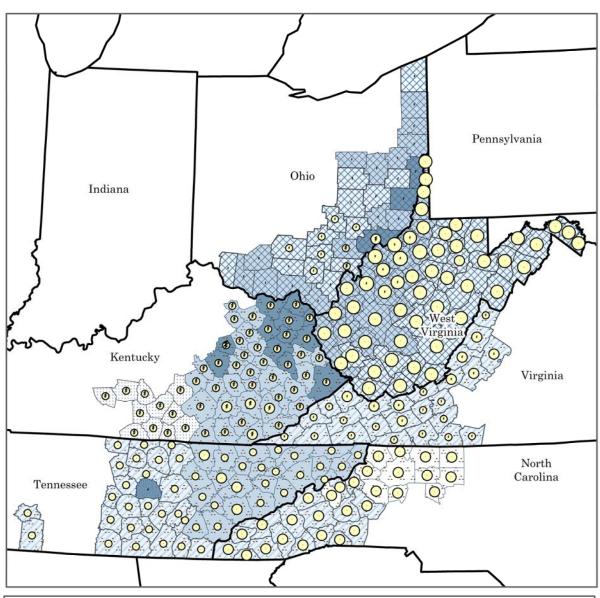


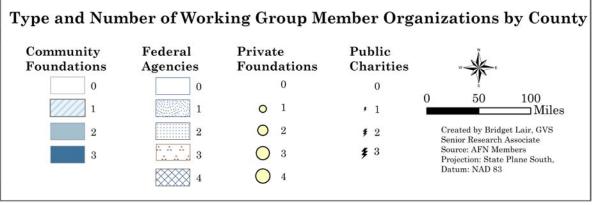


#### Types of Funders

AFN membership includes a variety of funder types. The map on the following page, "Type and Number of Working Group Member Organizations by County," identifies the types of organization (community foundation, private foundation, federal agency, etc.) that serve each county, and shows how many of each type of organization serves each county in the region.







# Stated Priorities/Areas of Interest among Working Group Members

The following figure lists the issue areas most frequently identified by working group members as a priority or an area of interest. These areas are based on publicly stated priorities and interests rather than an analysis of grant making efforts. Because the information is based on members' own categorization of issues, the results are not necessarily mutually exclusive and there is likely overlap among categories.

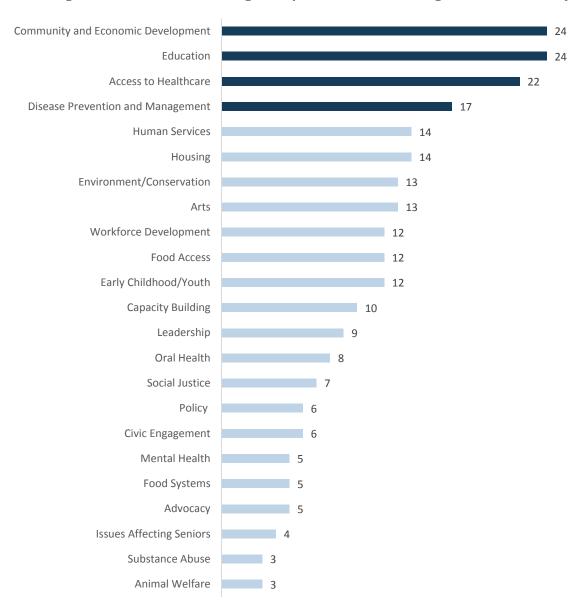


Figure 1. Number of Working Group Members Indicating Issue as a Priority

Four broad issues stand out as priorities for a large number of working group members: community and economic development; education; access to health care; and disease prevention and management. The issues with the least publicly expressed interest by working groups are substance abuse, animal welfare, and issues impacting seniors. Because of the aging nature of the Appalachian population, and the extent of heroin use and prescription drug abuse throughout the region, the amount of interest in substance abuse and senior-related issues may be less than expected. It might be that many organizations address these issues, but in their public statements these issues are subsumed under larger categories such as access to healthcare.

The following section provides more detailed information on the top four categories of interest for AFN working group members.

#### Community and Economic Development

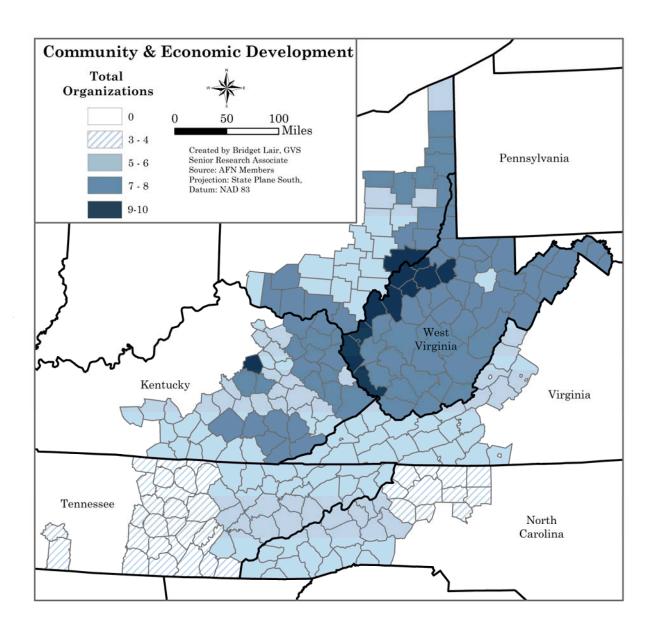
While community and economic development are two distinct processes, there was considerable overlap among the organizations identifying community development and/or economic development as priorities. For the purposes of this summary, these two categories were combined. Twenty-four organizations have an identified interest in community and/or economic development, and these organizations have assets totaling over \$1.4 billion.

Table 3. Organizations with Interest in Community and/or Economic Development

Organization Type	# Organizations	Assets	Annual Giving Nationwide	Annual Giving in Appalachia
Community Foundations	8	\$703.2 million	\$39.0 million	Over \$19.6 million
Private Foundations	7	\$703.3 million	\$29.7 million	Over \$18.7 million
Federal Agencies	7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Public Charity	1	\$38.0 million	\$684,000	n/a
Other	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	24	\$1.4 billion	\$69.4 million	Over \$38.3 million

As the following map ("Community and Economic Development") shows, the organizations with an interest in community and/or economic development are concentrated in the westernmost counties of West Virginia, as well as Ohio's Washington County and Kentucky's Clark County. West Virginia, with ten organizations serving West Virginia's Jackson and Wood counties. The lowest concentrations of organizations interested in community and economic development is found in portions of eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina.

Note: The map on the following page and the rest of the maps in this document were created by identifying organizations with specific issue interests, and then mapping their combined service areas. It is important to note that these maps are not based on an analysis of recent grant making. Instead, they should be viewed as a first step in identifying areas of overlap (in terms of geography and funding priorities) that may be fruitful areas for collaboration. They can also be used to identify areas that may be underserved.



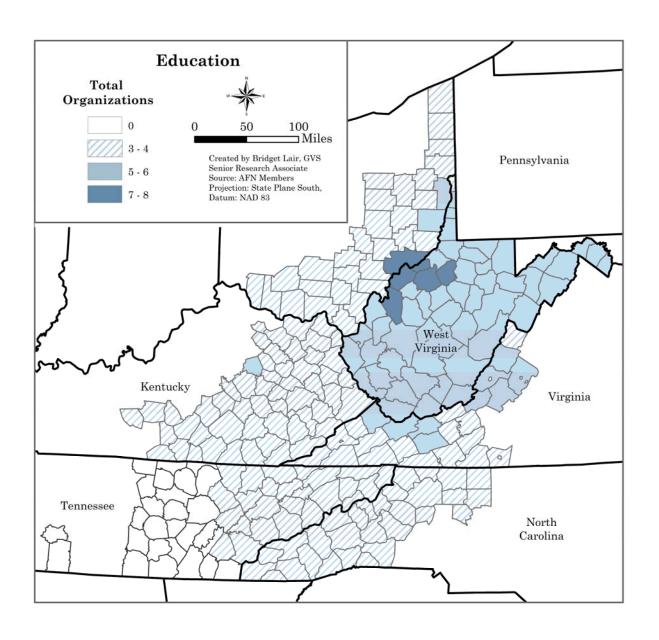
#### Education

Twenty-four organizations with assets exceeding \$2.4 billion expressed a commitment to education.

**Table 4. Organizations with Interest in Education** 

Type of Organization	#	Assets	Annual Giving Nationwide	Annual Giving Appalachia
Community Foundations	11	\$959.1 million	\$48 million	Over \$29 million
Private Foundations	10	\$1.4 billion	\$64.0 million	Over \$52.1 million
Federal Agencies	2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Public Charity	1	\$38.0 million	\$684,000	n/a
Total	24	\$2.4 billion	\$113.6 million	Over \$81.6 million

Working group members with an interest in education operate throughout the entire region served by AFN. As seen in the map on the following page, "Number of Working Group Members Interested in Education," the most overlap among the service areas of these organizations is found in western West Virginia, select counties in eastern Kentucky, and in Ohio's Athens and Washington counties. West Virginia's Jackson and Wood counties in particular have the highest concentration of funders interested in this issue. The lowest degree of overlap among the service areas of organizations with an interest in education is found in portions of Appalachian Tennessee and western North Carolina.



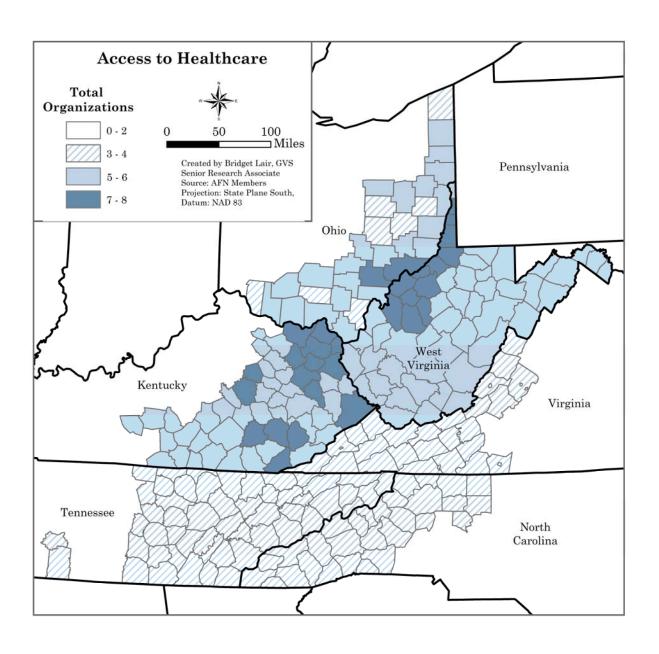
#### Access to Healthcare

Twenty-two organizations have an identified interest in increasing access to healthcare, especially among members of underserved populations. These organizations have assets totaling over \$2.2 billion.

**Table 5. Organizations with Interest in Access to Healthcare** 

Organization Type	# Organizations	Assets	Annual Giving Nationwide	Annual Giving in Appalachia
Community Foundations	11	\$707.3 million	\$38.4 million	Over\$18.9 million
Private Foundations	7	\$1.4 billion	\$62.3 million	Over \$50.1 million
Public Charities	2	\$81.9 million	\$5.0 million	\$5.0 million
Federal Agencies	2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	22	\$2.2 billion	\$105.7 million	Over \$74.1 million

The densest concentration of organizations serving a county can be found in western West Virginia, Ohio's Washington and Athens counties, and portions of Kentucky. The lowest concentration of organizations with an interested in access to healthcare is found in eastern Tennessee, southwestern Virginia, and western North Carolina.



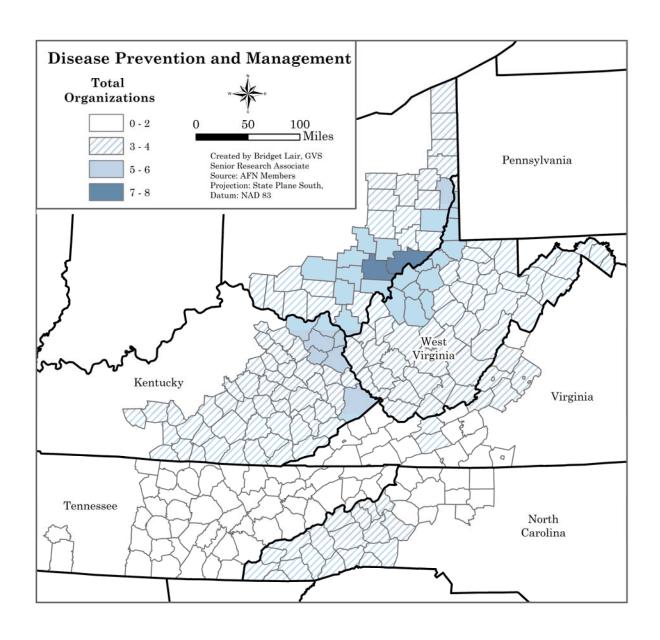
## Disease Prevention and Management

Nineteen organizations with assets of over \$2.0 billion expressed an interest in disease prevention and/or disease management.

Table 6. Organizations with interest in Disease Prevention and/or Management

Organization Type	# Organizations	Assets	Annual Giving Nationwide	Annual Giving in Appalachia
Community Foundations	8	\$605.0 million	\$29.0 million	\$17.8 million
Private Foundations	6	\$1.4 billion	\$60.8 million	Over \$50.1 million
Federal Agencies	2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Public Charities	1	\$25.0 million	\$1.0 million	\$1.0 million
Total	19	\$2.0 billion	\$90.8 million	Over \$68.8 million

There is a large concentration of these organizations in Ohio's Athens and Washington counties. The lowest concentration of these organizations is in portions of Southwestern Virginia, North Carolina, and eastern Tennessee.



# Members' Assets and Giving by Working Groups

Below is an analysis of the assets and annual investments broken down by working groups.

## Food Systems Working Group

The food system working group includes 23 organization with combined assets of \$1.8 billion.

**Table 7. Food System Working Group Members by Organization Type** 

Type of Organization	Number of this type of organization in working groups	Combined Assets	Combined Annual Giving Nationwide	Combined Annual Giving in Appalachia
Private Foundations	7	\$943.2 million	\$42.2 million	Over \$22.9 million
Community Foundations	6	\$818.2 million	\$42.6 million	\$23.9 million
Federal Agencies	6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Public Charities	2	\$81.9 million	\$5.0 million	\$5.0 million
Bank	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	22	\$1.8 billion	\$89.9 million	Over \$51.7 million

# Counties with densest concentrations of FSWG members (10 members):

 West Virginia's Jackson and Wood counties (10 FSWG members serve these counties)

#### Top areas of interest for FSWG members

- Community and/or economic development (73% of working group members)
- Education (59%)
- Access to healthcare (50%)

## **Health Working Group**

The health working group is composed of 17 organizations with combined assets of \$4.0 billion.

**Table 8. Health Working Group Members by Organization Type** 

Type of Organization	Number of this type of organization in working groups	Combined Assets	Combined Annual Giving Nationwide	Combined Annual Giving in Appalachia
Community Foundations	5	\$260.2 million	\$9.1 million	\$8.5 million
Private Foundations	6	\$1.3 billion	\$59.3 million	\$51.6 million
Public Charities	3	\$119.9 million	\$5.7 million	\$5.7 million
Federal Agencies	2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Operating Foundation	1	\$2.2 billion	\$107.7 million	n/a
Total	17	\$4.0 billion	\$181.8 million	\$65.7 million

# Counties with densest concentration of HWG members (7 apiece):

- Washington County, Ohio
- Tyler County, West Virginia
- Bell, Clark, Clay, Laurel, and Leslie counties in Kentucky

#### Top areas of interest for HWG members:

- Access to healthcare (88% of working group members)
- Education (71%)
- Disease prevention and/or management (65%).

# Strengthening Community Capacity Working Group

The strengthening community capacity group is composed of eleven organizations (nine of which are community foundations) with combined assets of \$676.3 million.

Table 9. Strengthening Community Capacity Working Group Members by Organization
Type

Type of Organization	Number of this type of organization in working groups	Combined Assets	Combined Annual Giving Nationwide	Combined Annual Giving in Appalachia
Community Foundations	9	\$676.3 million	\$33.0 million	\$25.3 million
Federal Agencies	2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	11	\$676.3 million	\$33.0 million	\$25.3 million

Counties with densest concentration of SCCWG members (4 apiece):

- Western West Virginia
- Portions of eastern Kentucky

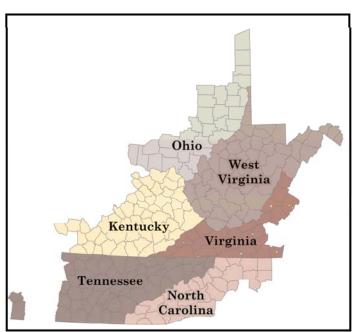
### Top areas of interest for SCCWG members:

- Education (91% of members)
- Access to healthcare (82%)
- Arts (73%)

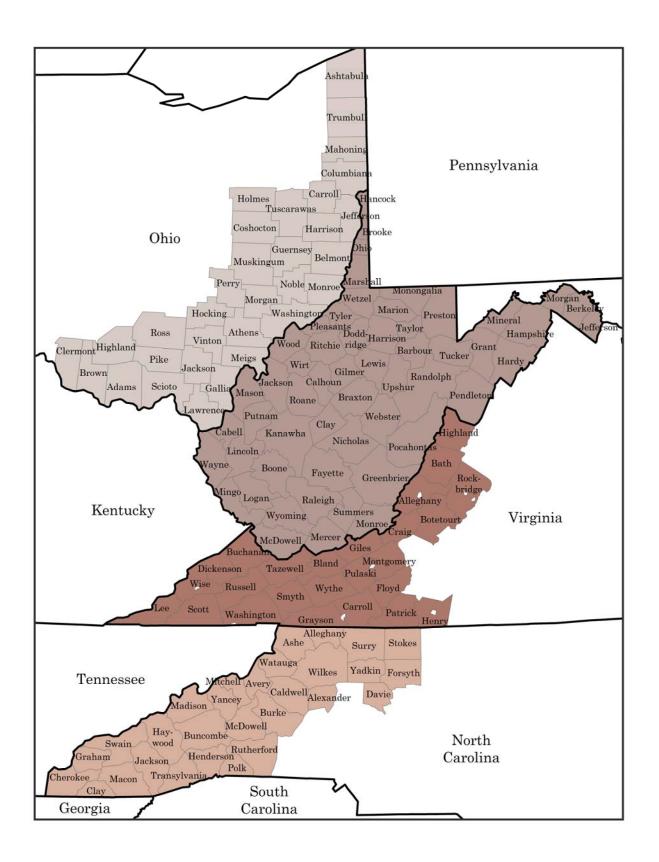
# Central Appalachian Counties

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Projection: State Plane South, Datum: NAD 83 Source: AFN Members March, 2016







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