

2020-2025 Strategic Pathways

The Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky empowers Appalachian Kentucky communities to thrive through collaboration, asset building, and leadership development.



Grow Local Economies & Revitalize Downtowns

Support & Prepare Children & Youth

Promote a Positive Regional Vision

Strengthen Local Nonprofits & Community Leadership

Prepare Communities for Resilience & Responsiveness

Because of our work in these areas, Eastern Kentucky is a place where...

Entrepreneurship is thriving, ample investment dollars are available to support businesses and downtown development, and decent living wage work is abundant.

Students have the same opportunities as others in the state and nation, and communities value and encourage learning and curiosity as a priority throughout a person's life.

People are eager to invest because of our beautiful, friendly, and vibrant communities and collaborative philanthropic culture.

Leaders of all kinds are engaged in community development and local problem-solving that advances a sustainable region and good quality of life for everyone.

There is shorter time between disaster and recovery, disasters are less deadly, and people feel more prepared and hopeful when disaster does strike.

This work leads to Appalachian Kentucky thriving at its fullest potential.