



# Dangers of Fentanyl Activation Grants



## About the Dangers of Fentanyl Lesson

Youth across the Commonwealth do not understand the serious harm that fentanyl poses to their health, and teachers lack the resources to keep them informed. In response to this challenge, the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth (VFHY) developed the [Dangers of Fentanyl Lessons](#), which include a one-hour lesson designed for high school students and a 30-minute lesson tailored for middle school students.

These evidence-informed Lessons are designed to educate middle school students and high school students about the evolving dangers of fentanyl. The Lessons are free to download and can be used in any middle school or high school classroom across the Commonwealth. They are available in both English and Spanish.

## The Grant Opportunity

To encourage the implementation of the Lesson, **VFHY is providing up to thirty-five (35) \$4,000 Activation Grants in 2026**. Nonprofits, for-profits, schools, school systems, governmental organizations, and charitable organizations operating in Virginia are eligible to apply. Organizations that have received funding in the past are eligible to apply again.

**This is a competitive process. If we receive more proposals than we can fund, we will prioritize organizations serving youth:**

- From localities most impacted by opiates (as measured by opioid death rates)
- Who attend Title I schools

**Organization must agree to the following three grant requirements:**

- Train at least two staff members in the utilization of the Lesson. Training consists of watching a one-hour video, reviewing the Implementation Guide, and familiarizing oneself with the Lesson.
- Administer the Lesson and an anonymous 10-question pre and posttest to at least 200 middle school or high school students between January and August 2026. We ask that you review your pre- and post-tests to better understand how well youth are learning the information in the Lesson, but you do not need to report the results to VFHY.
- Provide feedback to VFHY on the Lesson via a short feedback survey no later than Sept. 1, 2026.

## Application Timeline

1. To begin, [visit the application portal](#). If your organization does not already have a grant portal account, you will be prompted to create a new one before you can view the Dangers of Fentanyl Activation Grant Application.
2. The **online application is due by Friday, Dec. 5, 2025 (12:00 pm)**. We estimate it will take around 15 minutes to complete.
3. If you are selected, the contract period begins Jan. 1, 2026.
4. The three grant requirements must be completed by Sept. 1, 2026.
5. Participating organizations may invoice VFHY for the \$4,000 following their completion of the grant requirements. There are no restrictions on how organizations spend their award.

If you have questions, contact VFHY Director of Programs Michael Parsons at [mparsons@vfhy.org](mailto:mparsons@vfhy.org).

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## Organizations Funded

In 2025, the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth established its first ever Dangers of Fentanyl Activation Grant to encourage the implementation of the Lesson with youth who are at an elevated risk for exposure to fentanyl. Twenty-five organizations across the Commonwealth were selected.

From January to September 2025, approximately 10,000 more youth across Virginia received the Dangers of Fentanyl Lesson as a result of these Activation Grants.

2 End the Stigma	Elev8 Today Inc.	King George County Schools	Patrick County Public Schools	Rockbridge Area Community Services
10-7 Farms	Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services	Light of Hope Alliance	Petersburg City Public Schools	SAARA of Virginia
Amherst County Public Schools	Henrico Police Athletic League	Manor High School	Prevention Council of Roanoke County	Tazewell High School
Arlington Public Schools	Mt Zion Temple			Virginia Beach City Public Schools

Danville-Pittsylvania  
Community Services

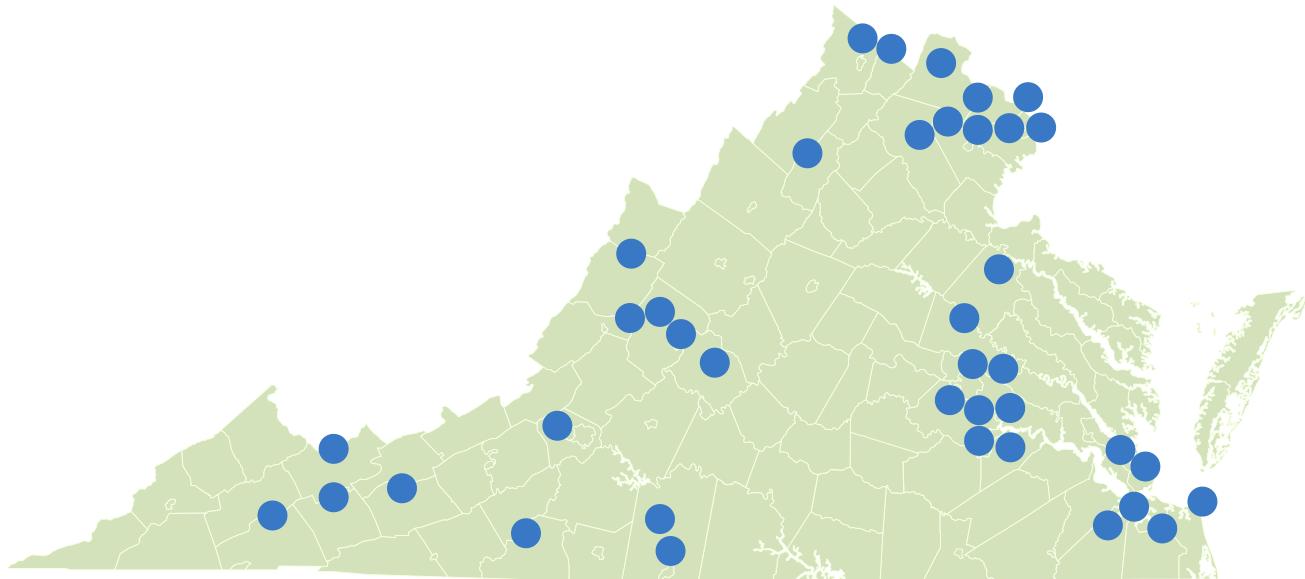
House of Restoration

Individuals Making  
Positive Active Change  
TogetherPage Alliance for  
Community Action

RESET INC.

Roanoke City Public  
SchoolsWorld Fitness Dance  
Academy LLC

## 40 Localities Served by the Dangers of Fentanyl Activation Grants



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Established in 1999 by the Virginia General Assembly, the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth (VFHY) empowers Virginia's youth to make healthy choices

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### PROGRAMS

Our evidence-based programs are used to prevent and reduce childhood obesity, tobacco and nicotine products, and substances like fentanyl.

### MARKETING

VFHY's marketing campaigns use formative research and reach more than 500,000 children across the Commonwealth each year.

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