

FAQ: Finding Funding for MHFA for Your Organization



Why did the MHFA Collaborative start limiting MHFA classes per host organization and cap the number of classes per month?

The Ohio Department of Behavioral Health has removed MHFA training from its budget, ending five years of vital support despite the fact that demand is still growing even after 38,000 people have been trained, our teen programs are at full capacity, and we have more than 80 organizations are on a waiting list to receive training. We currently have funding for only 15 of Ohio's 88 counties so the odds are that you may need to find funding if you're not one of our counties covered by smaller grants.

What are some strategies Host Organizations can use to find funding for their MHFA classes?

- Internal training budgets may be able to help cover some, or all the costs.
- Apply for grants from [local](#), [regional](#), [state](#), [federal](#), or philanthropic organizations. We can help supply you with boilerplate language and a template budget upon request.
- Seek partnerships with local businesses or community groups for sponsorships.
- Host fundraising events or campaigns to raise awareness and funds.
- Explore cost-sharing with other organizations to pool resources.
- Private donors are potential sources of funding.
- Consider charging attendees to help cover costs.

How much have Host Organizations charged participants to cover costs?

It varies. We have heard of an organization successfully charge \$160 per person. Most other organizations have charged smaller amounts (\$40-\$60) to help cover some of the cost of the training.

How much will one MHFA course cost my organization?

The value for this training is estimated by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing at \$5,100 per class of 30. Because of our size and infrastructure, we can offer the class at less than half, or \$2,400 per class of 30 for adult and youth curriculums and \$1850 for teen curriculum that trains ages 14-18.

What do the costs cover?

Costs cover instructor(s) fees including mileage, coordination of the class, use of the Learning Management System, technical assistance, training units/certification fees, online or hard copy MHFA Manuals and pre and post evaluations. It does not cover food for the participants or fees for the training location.

What are the next steps if we want to schedule a paid class?

If you are interested in learning more, we will [set up a meeting](#) to settle on class details.

How can we help advocate to get more funding for MHFA, so we don't have to pay for classes in the future?

Join the movement to expand mental health support and contribute to the wellbeing of all Ohioans. Check out our [Advocacy Webpage](#) for a step by step guide on how to contact decision makers and educate them on the benefits of MHFA for you and your organization.