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Funding Available to Aid WV Teens in the fight against tobacco

Raze, West Virginia's youth-led, adult-assisted tobacco prevention initiative, is providing funding to support the formation of 150 Raze crews in locations throughout the state. Funding is available for agencies interested in participating in the program. Groups such as boys and girls clubs, youth athletic leagues, faith-based organizations, and other community agencies are encouraged to apply.

Two-hundred grants of \$1,000 each will be distributed to qualified individuals and organizations by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and the American Lung Association of West Virginia.

Currently, more high school-aged teens report that they have never used any form of tobacco. In fact, 90% more teens say they've never used tobacco products. When the Raze program began in 2000, 21 percent of teens of the high school age reported they had never used tobacco products, compared to 2009, when 39 percent of teens in this age group reported they have not used any form of tobacco.

More information about Raze is available at www.razewv.com or contact Chantal Centofanti-Fields at: The American Lung Association of West Virginia, P.O. Box 3980, Charleston, WV 25339, Phone: 304-342-6600, Fax to: 304-342-6096, Email: cfields@lunginfo.org