

The Promise Center of Homewood, Inc.

*2023-2024 City of Pittsburgh STOP the
Violence Community Investment Grants*

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FollowUp Form

City of Pittsburgh STOP the Violence Mid-Year Progress Report

The City of Pittsburgh established the STOP the Violence grants as part of the City's comprehensive approach to ending violence. Through the STOP the Violence Community Investment Fund, the City partnered with your organization to build new insights and stride toward our mutual goals. Thank you for your efforts to take proactive steps with individuals who exhibit risk factors for violent behavior, support those individuals to overcome the risk factors, avoid violence, and lead healthy and productive lives.

With these grants come the expectations of midterm and final reports. This interim report provides space for your organization to tell the City about the progress of your originally-stated activities, outcomes, and goals. It also offers an opportunity to share any challenges and triumphs thus far. This critical feedback helps us:

1. Keep focused on the investment made and the anticipated project results;
2. Understand if our grantees are on track for success to bring about their anticipated project results (midterm reports), and
3. Analyze our work, learn from your experiences, and make choices for the future.

WHAT SHOULD I INCLUDE IN MY REPORT?

This report should include grant-related activities and projects from when your organization received funds through the first six months.

We are interested in knowing

1. what you did;
2. what you learned;
3. what questions your work answered, and what questions remain;
4. what follow-up work do you plan to do?

When reading the narrative report, we understand that no project proceeds entirely as planned. Some strategies work better than hoped; others do not. An honest assessment of what worked and what did not gives us additional context to gauge the impact of the grants and consider the implications for future collaboration.

Put your project into a larger context of reflection and interrogate its assumptions and method. Your report should include these considerations.

1. How did your strategies and design work?
2. What might you or others do differently in the future?
3. What do you see now about your problem or question that would press you to do things differently?
4. Progress and Results: Please briefly describe (in 300 words or fewer) the key actions, activities, or products resulting from the grant funding, as well as any resulting benefit to the organization or the people it serves.
5. Please explain any significant variance from your planned use of funds as stated in your grant proposal. For example, have there been changes in your project timeline or expenditures?
6. Please describe the challenges the funded project encountered, and explain how you overcame them (or plan to overcome them).
7. Photos, Stories, Social Media Posts/Reels, and Testimonials: Your participant/event stories, reels, and photographs provide a critical piece of the puzzle for us. They give us the materials needed to inspire others to engage, celebrate, and continue to support your violence prevention and intervention efforts.

Organization Name*

Please enter the name of your project/program in the box below.

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Project Start Date (from Grant Proposal)*

05/01/2024

Project Start Date (Actual)*

05/01/2024

Grant Information

Grant Amount Awarded*

\$15,000.00

Award Amount Spent*

Has your organization spent the awarded STOP the Violence funds in their entirety?

Yes

Population Served

Number of Program/Project Participants (Proposed)*

50

Number of Program Participants (Actual)*

65

Number of Participants Ages 0-17 (Actual)*

65

Number of Participants Ages 18-30 (Actual)*

0

Number of Participants Ages 30+ (Actual)*

0

What neighborhoods do your project participants represent?*

East Hills

Homewood North

Homewood South

Homewood West

Participant Contact Information*

Our team maintains a list of complete names, addresses, and contact information for all or almost all of the program participants in the project/initiative.

Yes

Police Zone Served*

Zone 5

Work Conducted

Proposed Project/Program Activities*

Provide a list of project activities/initiatives from your proposal.

The Promise Center of Homewood, Inc. is located at 7825 Hamilton Avenue providing Out-Of-School time activities along with providing meals during programming hours to curtail food insecurities while providing safe spaces for an array of services for youth and their families. Our initial thoughts on youth programming ages 5 to 13 years of age were to venture down the road to STEM and/or STEAM as our primary services. However, other barriers were encountered that let us believe that we needed to go over the basics due to Adverse Childhood Experiences.

Collaborations

Please comment on the collaborations presented in your project proposal. Did you collaborate as anticipated in the proposal?

Circumstances to consider:

- Have roles and responsibilities shifted?
- What unanticipated changes did you experience?
- What impact does the collaboration make on the project and the population served?
- What circumstances would improve collaboration among STOP the Violence grantees?

In the proposal focusing on STEM and STEAM providers the PCH did partner with Carnegie Mellon University, who offered interns providing Lego's and robotics during the first quarter of this funding cycle. PCH was also able to provide workspaces for other community service providers at their location as well as attend meetings with The City of Pittsburgh, other community groups and police prevention and intervention programs. PCH is networking closely with other organizations associated with the "Stop the Violence Efforts."

Status of Project Plan*

What activities/events from your proposed project plan have been implemented?

The PCH delivers Out-Of-School time programming to support positive community economic health, as well as individual physical and mental health and well-being. It is stated that youth violence usually comes in the form of fights, bullying, threats with weapons, and gang-related violence. All those listed has been actual episodes that the PCH has experienced over the last 6 months. Regardless, PCH has been able to develop intervention and prevention support by redirecting the youth individually or with parental assistance. To date, we have serviced 4,622 youth avenging 38 youth per attendance.

Proposed Outcomes*

The PCH is providing Individual and family protective factors due to Adverse Childhood Experiences. Many of our youth are experiencing traumatic experiences that could impact their health and well-being. This includes not having enough food to eat, experiencing homelessness or unstable housing, or some other factors. The PCH is a place that will provide educational assistance, linkages to other social service agencies for families and a warm meal can be obtained.

Progress*

Please provide an overview of the project achievements/highlights to date. Provide any appropriate data supporting your statements.

The PCH will create a safe, stable and nurturing relationship with youth providing a protective learning space. Daily learning activities are available along with recreational activities to reduce stress and assist youth to learn to recognize and manage their emotions. Meals are provided daily to those in attendance.

The PCH will continue to collaborate with external agencies in the development of support systems for our youth.

Safety

- Keep your hands to yourself
- Developing patience
- Do not cut off someone's conversation, wait for an opening say "Excuse me" and you will be heard.
- Redirecting

Do you believe that your project or program impacted violence?*

Do you believe that your project or program contributed to violence prevention or violence intervention rates in the communities served?

Yes

What has this project done to reduce or prevent violence?*

1. Describe your actual outcomes.
2. Describe the impact of your project.

Youth violence is a serious problem that can have lasting harmful effects on individuals, families, and communities.

Adverse childhood experiences, or ACEs, are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood (0-17 years). Examples include:

- Experiencing violence, abuse, or neglect.
- Witnessing violence in the home or community.
- Having a family member attempt or die by suicide.

Also included are aspects of the child's environment that can undermine their sense of safety, stability, and bonding. Examples can include growing up in a household with:

- Substance use problems.
- Mental health problems.
- Instability due to parental separation.
- Instability due to household members being in jail or prison.
- Homelessness

These are a few examples of actual families that the PCH are servicing.

Learning and Adapting

Are there any changes to any aspect of your proposed plan? If "Yes", please explain.*

The PCH will continue with staff development.

Policies for the youth will be an ongoing evolution considering the times

Challenges

Describe any ongoing challenges.

Funding is always the first consideration.

Staffing needs

Stability of the organization

Budget

Current Budget Overview*

1. Click [here](#) to download the Budget Reporting Form.
2. Complete the form.
3. Upload the completed form. https://www.grantinterface.com/Documents/Download/f17c57b0-f6cc-4be9-a9d5-2dce30b11bcbhttps://docs.google.com/document/d/1jM3sEoOobpMJQUc8W-irhCr_7KXZVtRM/edit?usp=sharing&oid=101637342679599276330&rtpof=true&sd=true

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Share Your Story

For services supported in whole or in part by your **STOP the Violence** grant, share a story about a client (without sharing any personally-identifying information), service, or community initiative that could be shared with other stakeholders.

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A pre-teen came to the Promise Center with a gun. Zone 5 was contacted. They provided safety training to all the youth present that day and left the Center a wand detector for use.

Photos and Digital Clips

Please attach any photos or videos illustrating your work.

Verification

Name of Organizational Representative Completing Report*

Daytona Gordon

Title of Organizational Representative*

Consultant

Authorization*

By entering your signature information above and clicking "*I agree.*" you certify that: I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that all information included in this report is correct. The tax-exempt status of this organization (*or fiscal sponsor organization*) is still in effect.

I agree.

Date of Submission*

02/20/2025

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- Promise Center of Homewood - Budget.pdf

Grant Financial Report

This is a protected worksheet. Complete only those sections that are shaded. See additional instructions below, indicated by corresponding number.

Organization: [1]

Previous Center of Harwood

Grant Process

[4] See the Website

Grant Start / End Dates: [2]

07-Mar-24

30-Apr-05

Report Period: [6]

07-May-05

to 11/30/24

Approved Grant Amount: [3]

\$ 15,000

(in US\$)

Budget Category [7]	Approved POISE Fdn Budget [8]	Amount Spent in Previous Periods [9]	Amount Spent in Current Period [10]	Total Spent to Date	Unexpended Balance	Please explain significant budget variances where indicated [11]
General Operations	\$ 2,012	\$ 0	\$ 2,012	\$ 2,012	\$ 0	This category includes all expenses for salaries, events, student stipends and travel related costs.
Materials and/or Supplies	\$ 4,648	\$ 0	\$ 4,648	\$ 4,648	\$ 0	
Consultants	\$ 8,140	\$ 0	\$ 8,140	\$ 8,140	\$ 0	
General Operations	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Subtotal Direct Costs	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	
Indirect Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Totals	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	

The line-by-line budget should match those specified in your proposal. A red *** indicates that you must include an explanation of the budget variance. This variance will require Foundation approval.

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