

# Abiding Missions

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

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## FollowUp Form

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### *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.*

Abiding Missions

**Project Start Date (from Grant Proposal)\***

06/01/2024

**Project Start Date (Actual)\***

06/01/2024

***Grant Information***

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**Grant Amount Awarded\***

\$20,000.00

**Award Amount Spent\***

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

No

***Population Served***

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**Number of Program/Project Participants (Proposed)\***

50

**Number of Program Participants (Actual)\***

50

**Number of Participants Ages 0-17 (Actual)\***

30

**Number of Participants Ages 18-30 (Actual)\***

2

**Number of Participants Ages 30+ (Actual)\***

18

**What neighborhoods do your project participants represent?\***

Allentown  
Arlington  
Knoxville  
Mount Oliver

**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 3

## *Work Conducted*

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**Proposed Project/Program Activities\***

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

- 12-week speaker series for youth in our programs
- 12-week series for youth on social-emotional learning
- Training for adults in community on de-escalation and interpersonal skills

**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?

Collaboration is still in process, as outlined in our initial proposal. With our general afterschool program, we are continuing collaboration with Hilltop Urban Farm, BotsIQ, Common Threads, and Ava's Music School. We just finished a 12-week series with Freeman's YOUNique Educational Consulting about social-emotional learning, and we plan to do an additional semester of programming with Ms. Chelsea Freeman's program in the second half of the school year. We continue to collaborate with Zone 3 Police and City of Pittsburgh. They attended and participated in our National Night Out event in August and our youth attended a Steelers game hosted by the Pittsburgh Police and Darrelle Porter with Ozanam. Forbes Funds have convened groups with South Hilltop organizations, and we look forward to more meetings with this group. We have not encountered any unanticipated changes with our collaborations.

## Status of Project Plan\*

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

We are still working through our project timeline.

Our 12-week speaker series is currently being scheduled, and it will begin in early 2025, and will be completed by May 2025.

Our 12-week series for social-emotional learning for youth has just wrapped up, and evaluation is forthcoming. The youth enjoyed their time with Ms. Chelsea Freeman, and we are scheduling a second series with her for the second semester of the year.

Training sessions on de-escalation and interpersonal skills for adults is forthcoming. We are working with the Center for Victims and Mentoring Partnership for these trainings.

## Proposed Outcomes\*

To assist the youth of Allentown in becoming better peacemakers, we will host a 12-week series of speakers by June 2025. By end of the series, 100% of our youth will be able to identify at least 5 community leaders they can turn to for advice and leadership in times of need.

By June 2025, 90% of the parents of our children and youth will identify Abiding Mission as a safe place in the Allentown neighborhood that does not require their own personal supervision.

Our youth will take part in a 12-week series on social-emotional learning led by a local social worker. By June 2025, our youth will have 90% attendance in this program and identify themselves as individuals who can make a difference in their community.

To assist the adults in the Allentown community to become peacemakers and better neighbors, we will provide training in de-escalation and interpersonal skills. By June 2025, we will have included at least 10 adults in these sessions.

## Progress\*

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

From September - December, 25 youth participated in a 12-week social-emotional learning group led by Ms. Chelsea Freeman. We are still working on the evaluation and results of this program, but we were happy with the day-to-day response from this program. Ms. Freeman built positive relationships with our youth, and youth looked forward to spending time with her each week.

We continued to work with our adults on a weekly basis for our Wednesday Breakfast Fellowship group. We are in the process of scheduling training for our adults in the new year.

The youth speaker series is in the process of being scheduled and will occur in the first half of 2025.

### 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.

From June - December 2024, Abiding Missions has provided hands-on intervention and mediation with multiple households in our neighborhood that were experiencing domestic or inter-household aggressions. One such intervention led to the removal of a romantic partner from a home and a PFA that is still in place. We attended court hearings with the other partner and worked with them to ensure their children and parent's safety in the home after a period of aggression. There has not been any known violence between adults in the home since we became involved.

Another household was experiencing antagonization from a neighbor. We became involved and helped them navigate the court system with complaints. We spoke to local officers and worked with Chrisarah Johnson and Zone 3 to offer medication with the households. Ultimately, we helped the family find new housing and they are much happier in their new situation. They remain in our community, but no longer have the day-to-day stress with this other household.

## Learning and Adapting

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

At this time, there are no major changes to the proposed plan.

## Challenges

Describe any ongoing challenges.

This work is not easy, which we know and expect. Specifically for this project, we do not have any significant challenges to note.

## Budget

### Current Budget Overview\*

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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](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)

STV Budget Reporting Form B.xlsx

## Share Your Story

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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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### Photos and Digital Clips

Please attach any photos or videos illustrating your work.

## Verification

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### Name of Organizational Representative Completing Report\*

Jordan Shoenberger

### Title of Organizational Representative\*

Executive Director

### 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\*

12/31/2024

## File Attachment Summary

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### *Applicant File Uploads*

- STV Budget Reporting Form B.xlsx

# 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] 

Abiding Missions

 Grant Process [4] 

Stop the Violence

Grant Start / End Dates: [2] 

01-May-24

 to 

31-May-25

 Report Period: [5] 

01-May-24

 to 

31-Dec-24

Approved Grant Amount: [3] 

\$ 20,000

 (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
General Operations	\$ 14,500	\$ 0	\$ 7,250	\$ 7,250	\$ 7,250
Professional Development/Training	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 0
Subgrants to Organizations	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Materials and/or Supplies	\$ 1,500	\$ 0	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750
		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Subtotal Direct Costs	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 8,000

Indirect Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Totals	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 8,000

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.

By submission of this report you hereby certify that the individual submitting this report is authorized to submit it on behalf of you compliance with the requirements of the grant letter, and that any funds expended have been expended in accordance with the |

Name and Title: [12]

Date:

E-mail Address: [13]

Phone Number: [14]

## **Instructions**

1. Enter the organization's legal name.
  2. Enter the approved start and end dates of the grant.
  3. Enter the approved grant amount.
  4. Enter your grant program or process for which you received funding.
  5. Enter the current reporting period from and to dates.
  6. Enter the total amount of POISE Foundation funds received through the end of the reporting period. Specify amount in US\$.
  7. Select Budget Categories which match your proposed grant budget. Select categor(ies) from drop down menu on right of cell
  8. Enter the approved POISE Foundation budget for each budget category. All figures should be reported in US\$.
  9. Enter the sum of amounts spent in each budget category for all previous reporting periods. All figures should be reported in US\$.
  10. Enter the amount spent in each budget category for this reporting period. All figures should be reported in US\$.
- The total spent to date and unexpended balances will be computed automatically.
11. If the expended amount in a budget category significantly exceeds the total direct costs by 35%, an explanation is required. Lines requiring explanations will be indicated by a RED "\*\*".
  12. Enter the name and title of the individual who certified the information contained in the report.
  13. Enter the e-mail address for that person.
  14. Enter the phone number for that person.

Total received to date (US \$): [6] \$20,000.00

Please explain significant budget variances where indicated  
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purposes of the grant.

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12/31/2024

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