

POORLAW

*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)*

05/02/2024

Project Start Date (Actual)*

05/02/2024

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)*

1200

Number of Program Participants (Actual)*

800

Number of Participants Ages 0-17 (Actual)*

250

Number of Participants Ages 18-30 (Actual)*

300

Number of Participants Ages 30+ (Actual)*

250

What neighborhoods do your project participants represent?*

Glen Hazel

Greenfield (Four Mile Run)

Hays

Hazelwood

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 4

Work Conducted

Proposed Project/Program Activities*

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

We held a father's day event which we collaborated with the Pittsburgh Police. The department brought several gaming stations and played games with the children of our community. We also provided bouncy houses, live entertainment, food, arts and craft, kick ball games and line dancing.

We also held 4 public community engagement events. One at the YMCA, one at the Community Kitchen, one at Propel Schools and one at Arts Excursions. At these events we divided up in different discussion groups. the groups included:

1. Issues in the community and economic development
2. Public Safety and Police Relations
3. Food Access
4. Youth Activities

Also, we provided \$25 gift cards to needy families as well as food distributions.

We also hosted a holiday gift distribution.

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?

We collaborated with Praise Temple Deliverance Church, Arts Excursions, Pittsburgh City Police, Cares REACH, our City Councilwoman, Jamie Upshaw, Jada House International, Autism Urban Connections, Hazelwood Cafe, Merry Lights, Green Field Baseball Association, Kevin McPhillips, Ron Gaydos, Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition.

We are very happy the collaborations that took place with our events. In fact, our anticipated collaboration went far beyond what we originally anticipated. We were able to raise an additional \$10,000 from Merry Lights and \$10,000 from the Pittsburgh Foundation to support our activities

Status of Project Plan*

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

This mid year report, is actually a final report as we have completed all the projects from our original plan and we have exceeded those events which we have planned.

With our 1st Father's Day event, we were able to bring the community together, we were able to inform them of the different things going on in our community and how they could be involved. By coming together and having these conversations with the community we were able to work together to get our youth football & cheer teams back into a league and playing for our community. This was a huge win for the community. At our Sarah Dixon Innovation Center meeting, we were able to educate over 100 residents and non-residents on the project and how we can become the owners of this project. 20 residents volunteered to be a part of the project steering committee. We believe by fostering community engagement in all aspects of our community we can bring residents together, in order to get to know 1 another and be able to address the barriers that may exist between the various neighborhoods of the community. Through social interaction we will accomplish our goal of stopping violence in our community.

Proposed Outcomes*

To engage as many residents in the community as possible and to continue conversation regarding public safety, social justice, economic justice, and food justice to eventually establish community block clubs aimed at creating systems that will allow for state houses to be identified within the community. Finally, to increase all aspects of community development and to improve upon the Cobra Youth Development Program so that youth can benefit from the education and sports activities and to improve the relationship between Zone 4 police and our residents.

We feel that we have made great strides in this program by crossing over racial and geographical boundaries and will continue to lead our community and our efforts.

Progress*

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

Please see the answers provided above which address this question.

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.

Our anti-violence program have demonstrated effectiveness in reducing and preventing violence through various mechanisms and outcomes. Our program have shown the following impacts:

- Reduction in Violence Frequency

We have found that anti-violence interventions can significantly reduce the frequency of violent incidents.

- Increased Help-Seeking and Safety Planning

Participants in anti-violence programs were more likely to engage in protective behaviors and seek assistance:

* Removing or hiding partner's weapons

* Obtaining formal domestic violence services

* Establishing safety strategies with friends and family

* Seeking some form of protection against violent partners

- Improved Community Outcomes

Community-based anti-violence initiatives have shown positive impacts:

* Significant reductions in violent crime, including shootings and homicides

* Increased school attendance, an important social determinant of community health

* Improved social support, self-rated health, and mental health among community members

We engaged families in workshops and meetings targeted at food access in the community. We engaged youth in afterschool, sports and mentoring programs . We provided gift cards for food vouchers. We engaged residents in attending community meetings with various community based organizations in order to engage them in community and economic development activities, plan and sponsor within the community.

Learning and Adapting

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

N/A

Challenges

Describe any ongoing challenges.

Need for more funding

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&ouid=101637342679599276330&rtpof=true&sd=true

STV Budget Reporting Form B-3.xlsx

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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In the face of challenges and setbacks, our community sports development initiative has achieved remarkable success, positively impacting the lives of over 100 children and their families. Last year, we encountered a significant hurdle when our traditional football league was unable to operate. However, our commitment to providing sports opportunities for local youth remained unwavering. In response, we decided to participate in flag football, ensuring that our young athletes could continue to enjoy the sport and its benefits. While flag football was a good alternative, we noticed that interest in contact football was dying. The league we were previously associated with showed signs of instability and seemed as if it was going to end. This situation presented a new challenge, but we got the opportunity to participate in a new sports league which turned out to be successful and also gave us the opportunity to add the girls to our program to conduct cheerleading activities as we entered into a league comprising two divisions and 16 teams. This gave us a more diverse and engaging environment for our youths.

Photos and Digital Clips

Please attach any photos or videos illustrating your work.

Verification

Name of Organizational Representative Completing Report*

Saundra Cole

Title of Organizational Representative*

President/CEO

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

Applicant File Uploads

- STV Budget Reporting Form B-3.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] **POORLAW** Grant Process [4] **Stop the Violence**

Grant Start / End Dates: [2] **02-May-24** **05-Feb-05** Report Period: [5] **01-Mar-24** to **1/19/25**

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 exp variances v
General Operations	\$ 8,620	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 8,620	\$ 0	Expenses f administrat salaries an
Materials and/or Supplies	\$ 5,830	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,830	\$ 0	
Other	\$ 550	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 550	\$ 0	
		\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	
		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
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Subtotal Direct Costs	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	
Indirect Costs		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Totals	* \$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 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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12/31/2024

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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.

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