

Ozanam, 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.

Ozanam, Inc.

Project Start Date (from Grant Proposal)*

11/01/2023

Project Start Date (Actual)*

11/01/2023

Grant Information

Grant Amount Awarded*

\$35,000.00

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)*

600

Number of Program Participants (Actual)*

612

Number of Participants Ages 0-17 (Actual)*

575

Number of Participants Ages 18-30 (Actual)*

15

Number of Participants Ages 30+ (Actual)*

22

What neighborhoods do your project participants represent?*

Bedford Dwellings
Beltzhoover
Brighton Heights
California-Kirkbride
Central Northside (Mexican War Streets)
Crawford-Roberts
Garfield (The Valley, The Hilltop)
Manchester
Middle Hill
Northview Heights
Terrace Village
Upper Hill
Upper Lawrenceville

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 1
Zone 2

Work Conducted

Proposed Project/Program Activities*

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

Through our Unity in the Community Basketball Leagues, Ozanam will work with neighborhood leaders to spearhead a community culture to prevention violence through creating positive, structured activities in a safe environment, connecting youth to mentors, fostering trauma informed services and referrals, and building bridges that decrease conflict and promote problem solving.

Our key outcomes will include:

- Structured basketball that engages high risk individuals and builds non-violence skills and connects them to opportunities.
- Connecting youth to trauma informed programming and mentors that increase prosocial skills and decrease involvement in negative active.
- Initiate leadership develop as a vehicle for goal setting and developing positive lifestyle
- Structure opportunities for positive police and youth interaction through special programming.
- Engage neighborhood leaders to work collectively to address emerging issues and stop the violence.

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?

Through our Unity in the Community Initiative including Basketball Leagues, Youth Leadership, and Community Service, Ozanam has forged a broad base of grassroots neighborhood leaders who have worked collectively to provide leadership and advocacy for non-violence. Together, Unity in the Community partners spearheaded a community culture to prevention violence through creating positive, structured activities in a safe environment, connecting youth to mentors, fostering trauma informed services and referrals, and building bridges that decrease conflict and promote problem solving. The willingness of our partners to collaborative and work collectively creates and reinforces non-violence and de-escalates conflict thereby offering a positive environment for youth.

Status of Project Plan*

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

Unity in the Community is a city-wide initiative to address the violence through using basketball as a positive strategy to engage high risk teens in constructive alternatives and to initiate a trauma informed program framework while engaging grassroots leaders. Our objective is to build bridges, not only between community youth, but also grassroots and neighborhood leaders thereby offering a vehicle for identifying and addressing emerging conflicts while also fostering relationships that will decrease violence. Ozanam was able to successfully implement our proposed project plan in accordance with our timeline and exceeding our benchmarks for participation and engagement. Moreover, Ozanam continues to work with our alumni and neighborhood leaders to provide vehicles for interaction and mentoring between youth and adult leaders.

Proposed Outcomes*

Our proposed outcomes for Unity in the Community included:

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Progress*

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

During the past year, Ozanam was able to successfully achieve the following objectives:

- 1.) Ozanam was able to implement structured basketball leagues that infused prosocial skills, resources, and learning experiences.
- 2) Mentors incorporated trauma informed framework focused on prosocial skills
- 3.) Ozanam initiated leadership development as a vehicle for goal setting and developing positive lifestyle while connecting to mentors and community leaders.
- 4) Coordinating structured opportunities for positive police and youth interaction through special programming was an instrumental strategy for building relationships and nurturing positive perspectives between police and our youth. nity long-term.
- 5.) Engaging neighborhood leaders to work collectively to address emerging issues and stop the violence with 35 neighborhood leaders becoming engaged in our project

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 Unity in the Community Initiative implemented basketball tournaments and leagues in winter and spring, as well as our signature summer league involving over 600 youth and young adults in basketball leagues which was documented through registrations and rosters. Ozanam was able to exceed the number of activities and youth to be engaged. Youth were connected to trauma informed mentoring which includes referrals for social services and/or workforce development information, with over 75% of participating youth exposed/engaged in a activity or program with trauma informed framework.

Unity in the Community involved 35 neighborhood leaders as coaches and mentors exceeding our goal which was documented by rosters and attendance, with all of them positively working to promote non-violence while also connecting them to mentors and role models. Through our strategies, youth improved relationships with youth and adults from other neighborhoods which was reinforced through individual and group discussions, as well as feedback by mentors. As part of this strategy, we were able to coordinate joint outings to Steeler games between our youth and Pittsburgh Police officers.

Learning and Adapting

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

A critical component that was very effective was involving Ozanam alumni as motivational speakers and presenters. They were very effective in discussing the importance of goal setting, decision making, and careers. We will continue to expand on this component for the upcoming year and create additional options for their engagement.

Challenges

Describe any ongoing challenges.

Ozanam has developed a strong collaboration committed to creating positive opportunities for youth, promoting non-violence, and developing connections to resources and support. Our goals for increased program development is to continue with additional leagues through the school year, increase police/youth opportunities for positive activities, and expand upon involving Ozanam alumni and community business as presenters and role models.

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

Stop the Violence.Unity in the Community.STV Budget Reporting Form B.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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Through the Stop Violence grant, one of the most impact and significant strategies was creating positive opportunities for interaction between youth and Pittsburgh Police. We had worked with our mentors and Pittsburgh Police to develop opportunities to attend Steeler games together. As indicated previously, not only was this a positive experience for everyone, but it significantly changed preconceived notions and fostered

positive interactions. Opportunities for youth and police to positively interact not only builds bridges, but can foster long-term change through forging relationships and changing perspectives.

Photos and Digital Clips

Please attach any photos or videos illustrating your work.

Ozanam.jpg

Verification

Name of Organizational Representative Completing Report*

Darelle Porter

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*

12/19/2024

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- Stop the Violence.Unity in the Community.STV Budget Reporting Form B.xlsx
- Ozanam.jpg

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]

Ozanam

Grant Process

[4]

Stop the Violence

Grant Start / End Dates: [2]

01-May-24

to

31-Dec-24

Report Period: [5]

01-May-24

to

30-Nov-24

Approved Grant Amount: [3]

\$ 35,000

(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	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	
Professional Development/Training	\$ 13,000	\$ 0	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 0
Subgrants to Organizations		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Materials and/or Supplies	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 0
		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Subtotal Direct Costs	\$ 35,000	\$ 0	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 0

Indirect Costs		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Totals	\$ 35,000	\$ 0	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 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.

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] \$35,000.00

Please explain significant budget variances where indicated
[11]

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purposes of the grant.

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