

A's Vision

*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)*

01/06/2024

Project Start Date (Actual)*

06/07/2025

Grant Information

Grant Amount Awarded*

\$10,000.00

Award Amount Spent*

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

No

Population Served

Number of Program/Project Participants (Proposed)*

25

Number of Program Participants (Actual)*

11

Number of Participants Ages 0-17 (Actual)*

7

Number of Participants Ages 18-30 (Actual)*

4

Number of Participants Ages 30+ (Actual)*

0

What neighborhoods do your project participants represent?*

Arlington
Beltzhoover
Upper Hill

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

Proposed Project/Program Activities*

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

Drivers License Program
Conversation With Zone 3 Pittsburgh Police
Financial Fundamentals
Electrical 101 program
Conflict/Resolution

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 did accept youth into our driving program from other organizations and we will continue to as they complete the program. We have not collaborated with everyone we wanted to because we simply do not have the resources for the amount of students looking to use our service. We have found that collaboration and working with other STV organizations is a recipe for success because we all have the same goal but we offer different aspects and skills.

We also collaborated with zone 3 Police for a conversation with the youth.

Some unexpected challenges with the driving program can be the time a student takes to actually receive their drivers license. Everyone is different in their learning so sometimes its hard to put an exact time frame on a student.

Status of Project Plan*

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

Our driving program begun from day one and several young men have already completed and received their drivers license.

We also had our Conversation with zone 3 police event.

Proposed Outcomes*

We want each student to complete the program with their drivers license. As well as understand who they are smart, powerful young men who can accomplish anything they desire and they do not need to engage in street or illegal activities to do so.

Progress*

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

We are very excited and proud Since this grant period began 7 young men have obtained their driver license.

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.

We feel our program contributes to reducing violence by giving these young men a necessary skill to help them be successful as they enter adulthood. Not only do we teach these young men to drive our driving

lessons are also mentor sessions. We talk with these young men and give them advice and share experiences. The most important thing is we listen to what they have to say and what they are going through. I think PREVENTING violence before it happens is a huge part of our answer in this city and that's where A's Vision plays a huge role. A lot of the youth we help ARE on the right track and our job is to make sure they stay on this path and don't get involved in the streets and violence. We have also worked with young men who have had ties and problems in the street and with our program we've changed mindsets as well as gave them a skill that we notice gives them confidence and helps them to look at doing things the "Right Way" is not a bad thing.

Learning and Adapting

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

Not really many changes other than not being able to provide additional training that we originally proposed such as our electrical 101 program.

Challenges

Describe any ongoing challenges.

Our biggest ongoing challenge is not being able to keep up with the demand for our program basically because of lack of funding. We really appreciate the support from this STV grant but we really need more funding. A's Vision applied for \$50,000 and only received \$10,000. Every grant we received we slightly grew our program but we really need the funding to go to the next level. We have shown great results in our programming and the work speaks for itself!! With the proper funding A's Vision can purchase a new vehicle and hire a new instructor, which will help us to take on new students and help a lot more youth around the city. Our goal is to make getting your drivers license and taking the steps to do things " THE RIGHT WAY" the cool thing to do with our youth ages 16-22 in the city!!

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

STV Budget Reporting Form B.xlsx - Exempt-2.pdf

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 20 year old young man who went through our program who has been in trouble with the police a few times and has never had a job got his drivers license in October. He really wanted to change his ways and wasn't happy with the way he was living. I feel a lot of young men in the streets feel this way, they just need guidance and an opportunity for them to do better. When we did our check in with him in December he was working for amazon! I'm very proud of him and I know his family is as well.

Photos and Digital Clips

Please attach any photos or videos illustrating your work.

Screenshot 2025-01-12 at 9.27.56 PM.jpeg

Verification

Name of Organizational Representative Completing Report*

Aaron Wade

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*

01/13/2025

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- STV Budget Reporting Form B.xlsx - Exempt-2.pdf
- Screenshot 2025-01-12 at 9.27.56 PM.jpeg

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] Grant Process [4]

Grant Start / End Dates: [2] to Report Period: [5] to

Approved Grant Amount: [3] (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	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,800	\$ 8,300	\$ 1,700	
Materials and/or Supplies		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Professional Development/Training		\$ 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	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,800	\$ 8,300	\$ 1,700	
Indirect Costs		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Totals	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,800	\$ 8,300	\$ 1,700	

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.

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.

