

Café Momentum Pittsburgh

*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.

Café Momentum Pittsburgh

Project Start Date (from Grant Proposal)*

05/02/2024

Project Start Date (Actual)*

06/03/2024

Grant Information

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

Number of Program/Project Participants (Proposed)*

80

Number of Program Participants (Actual)*

65

Number of Participants Ages 0-17 (Actual)*

56

Number of Participants Ages 18-30 (Actual)*

9

Number of Participants Ages 30+ (Actual)*

0

What neighborhoods do your project participants represent?*

Beltzhoover
Central Business District (also known as Downtown and the Golden Triangle)
Garfield (The Valley, The Hilltop)
Homewood North
Homewood South
Larimer
Lincoln–Lemington–Belmar
Mount Oliver
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 1
Zone 2
Zone 3
Zone 4
Zone 5
Zone 6

Work Conducted

Proposed Project/Program Activities*

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

Through a holistic trauma-informed approach provide justice impacted youth support through our career-readiness internship and supportive services at Cafe Momentum Pittsburgh.

—Increase youth social-emotional health through mental health services.

—Increase youth academic achievement

—Convene community stakeholders in conversations about justice-involved youth to focus on wraparound care and access to opportunities

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?

Cafe Momentum Pittsburgh continues to prioritize community partnership in servicing our program participants. We continue to work very closely with Allegheny County Juvenile Courts and Probation to receive youth referrals and support the youth active with the courts or probation. This year we formed two new partnerships with the Hear Foundation and the Petey Greene Program. The Petey Greene program provides academic tutoring to our youth. With The Hear foundation we convene community stakeholder with our youth in collaboration with Leon Ford. These convening create the opportunity for our youth's voices to be heard in social justice issues. Cafe Momentum Pittsburgh has established a trusting relationship with the Zone 2 police particularly to address the issues of youth violence in our downtown area. As a new provider of Allegheny County's Department of Human Services we remain in partnership with UPMC's Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine for mental health access and support for our youth. We partner with and are a provider of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) and Steel City Medical Training, both providing education and training opportunities to our youth. Crisis Center North and Planned Parenthood have been our partners in provide healthy relationship and sexual wellness to our youth. We have partnered with various local financial institution(Dollar Bank , Citizen, Bank of American, Huntington) to provide financial education and support to our youth.

Status of Project Plan*

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

Cafe Momentum Pittsburgh has implemented and continues to offer justice impacted youth the following as a part of our internship program.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: A 12-month paid internship (\$13-\$16/hour) where interns rotate through all restaurant stations, following our Tiers of Success model career-readiness.

CASE MANAGEMENT: Case Managers connect interns to resources, partnering with community organizations to stabilize their lives.

To support and encourage our interns relationship with law enforcement, we will partner with the Hear Foundation to co-host a dinner series with intentionally of bringing together our youth, community members from various professions to discuss "tough" topics such as police community relations, gun violence, mental health awareness, etc. Events are ongoing and have taken place 5 times bringing law enforcement, corrections and mental health professional to the table with our interns.

Proposed Outcomes*

- Recruit 80 youth across 4 quarterly orientation cohorts
- 60% of youth will reach intern status
- 100% of interns will receive case management and counseling to address basic needs
- 90% will show academic progress/stabilization
- 80% will demonstrate workforce skills by completing at least one restaurant station rotation
- 80% will show growth in financial stability, e.g. opening a bank account
- 50% will persist in the program for at least six months

Progress*

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

Café Momentum is a transformative workforce development program complemented by a pro-social environment, designed specifically for the needs of justice-involved youth. We engage youth (aged 15-19) from Allegheny County who are within one year of involvement with the justice system. Most of our interns are youth of color (80% are Black) and all (100%) come from families with low- to moderate incomes.

- 80% made academic progress, with 8 completing their high school diploma or GED
- Completed an average of 300 hours of on-the-job training each, learning all stations of our restaurant, from host stand and busser to pastry station
- Collectively completed 160 give-back hours at local nonprofits, which instilled a sense of community belonging and compassion
- 80% remained in compliance with their court orders

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.

By providing a safe environment that provides a pro-social environment, we are ensuring that justice-involved youth have the supports necessary to reframe for violence and gain skills and resources to live as law abiding citizens. Interns leave prepared for living-wage jobs in the hospitality industry and with skills transferrable to other fields. We also help them plan for postsecondary education or training, including in the trades. We provide mentorship, pairing interns with professionals and community partners who guide them in career exploration, post-secondary planning, and job searches. By prioritizing economic empowerment and sustainable career development, Café Momentum Pittsburgh helps young leaders break cycles of poverty and achieve lasting success.

Learning and Adapting

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

no

Challenges

Describe any ongoing challenges.

The primary challenge has been the sluggish restaurant revenue, which is largely tied to the restaurant's location. Continued hybrid work schedules in downtown Pittsburgh businesses have limited evening diners more than expected post-pandemic. The public perception of downtown as unsafe in the evening has also limited diners, and created some safety concerns among potential interns. We acknowledge the challenges and have made decisions mitigate the impact as a result we have recently launch our lunch service in increase brand awareness and community engagement.

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 CMPGH- Google Sheets.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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When Janat started with Cafe Momentum she was a 16 year old mother of one, expecting her second child. She was experiencing housing instability and was couch hopping at eight months pregnant. Her family had an active case with the local Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) agency, and was working with six different system representatives. Janat hadn't attended school since prior to the pandemic and was faced with truancy charges.

Over ten months of Janat working as an intern at Cafe Momentum, she began working towards stability for her and her growing family. Janat worked with Cafe, her case manager and facilitated a meeting with the different system representatives to begin identifying additional support needed and system involvement that were no longer needed. Janat and her case manager worked diligently to find stable housing with a relative,

obtain child care subsidy, apply and receive WIC benefits, enroll in school, study and obtain her driver permit, and obtain the necessary documentation such as an ID, social security card and birth certificate. While with Cafe Momentum, Janat participated in mental health services and began her wellness journey. Janat remains graduated with her high school diploma and she and her children are well on the road to stabilization.

Photos and Digital Clips

Please attach any photos or videos illustrating your work.

CMPGH Intern Activity Photos.pdf

Verification

Name of Organizational Representative Completing Report*

Cheyenne Tyler

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*

02/14/2025

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- STV Budget Reporting CMPGH- Google Sheets.pdf
- CMPGH Intern Activity Photos.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] CAFE MOMENTUM PITTSBURGH Grant Process [4] Stop the Violence

Grant Start / End Dates: [2] 01-May-24 01-May-25 Report Period: [5] 01-May-25 to 2/1/25

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	Please explain significant budget variances where indicated [11]
Professional Development/Training	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500	This category includes all operations for salaries, events, student stipends and travel related costs.
Other	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ 3,250	Intern Transportation
Other	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	Intern Uniforms
General Operations	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	
	\$ 0	\$ 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	\$ 11,250	\$ 11,250	\$ 8,750	
Indirect Costs		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Totals	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 11,250	\$ 11,250	\$ 8,750	

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] Cheyenne Tyler, Executive Director

Date: 2/21/2025

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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.



Intern Photo Shoot during career- exploration





Breaking Bread Series with Leon Ford from the Hear Foundation.



Interns participating in a financial literacy workshop with a local credit union.



Kick-off Dinner to Youth Justice Action Month, Dinner with Liz Ryan form the Office of Juvenile Delinquency and Prevention



Interns with Chef instructors prepping for an event.



Intern plating for service.





Intern meeting Chef Eric Adjepong for Food Network



End of the year celebration with interns at Full Throttle.