

Homewood Brushton YMCA - Level Up

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

YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh

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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.

Homewood Brushton YMCA - Level Up

Project Start Date (from Grant Proposal)*

05/01/2024

Project Start Date (Actual)*

05/01/2024

Grant Information

Grant Amount Awarded*

\$30,000.00

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)*

300

Number of Program Participants (Actual)*

200

Number of Participants Ages 0-17 (Actual)*

175

Number of Participants Ages 18-30 (Actual)*

25

Number of Participants Ages 30+ (Actual)*

0

What neighborhoods do your project participants represent?*

Homewood North
Homewood South
Homewood West
Larimer

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.

No

Police Zone Served*

Zone 5

Work Conducted

Proposed Project/Program Activities*

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

Below is a list of activities provided through the Homewood Brushton YMCA's Level Up program:

- Creating Peace Workshops
- Conflict Resolution Seminars
- STV Basketball Games
- Open Gyms

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 all identified organizations presented for the project: Back to Purpose, YouthPlaces, Cure the Violence East and Center for Victims. Additionally, Level Up continued to partner with established Homewood Brushton Y programs, Lighthouse project and Y Creator Space.

The main impact of collaborating with these organizations was their support in helping us hold our seminars, which allowed us to offer these events on an ongoing basis. Recognizing the need for continued education around violence, we have committed to hosting quarterly events at the Homewood YMCA.

We believe that creating more in-person collaboration opportunities will strengthen partnerships among grantees. Additionally, maintaining an ongoing list of activities from different organizations will help us better support each other's projects.

Status of Project Plan*

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

During the Level Up program, we held a total of three major events: two violence prevention seminars and one STV basketball showcase game.

For both seminars, we partnered with a violence prevention group that presented different strategies for handling conflict. They effectively connected with the youth by providing real-life scenarios and illustrating the outcomes associated with violence.

At the first seminar, we hosted speakers from various organizations who shared their perspectives on violence. Additionally, Pittsburgh police officers shared personal stories to help build connections with the youth. To provide a unique experience, we also offered horse rides in our outdoor area for the participants.

The second seminar was a smaller event, but we were able to include additional organizations, such as YouthPlaces, to share the same message surrounding conflict resolution. At the conclusion of the event, we hosted a free basketball game for the community, featuring the Pittsburgh Bullets, which provided an enjoyable and engaging experience for attendees.

Proposed Outcomes*

As a result of participation in the Level Up program, participants will be able to:

- Recognize that they were individually important, their personal experiences are legitimate, and their feelings were valuable.
- Develop self-awareness that they have the power and capability to make good choices for their lives.
- Learn how to handle conflict in a peaceful and productive manner.

Additional results will include:

- Homewood-Brushton YMCA will be recognized by youth as a fun and safe place to socialize, exercise, create and build relationships with trusting adults.
- More youth gather and recreate in the safety at Homewood-Brushton YMCA.

Progress*

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

Expansion was the main achievement of this program, allowing us to offer more services to our internal program participants surrounding violence prevention. At the second seminar, we noticed an increase in participation due to inviting all program members.

We have currently provided 10 youth with full membership access to the branch as a result of their participation in the programming. This initiative helps ensure that youth have access to a safe space without limitations

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?

No

What has this project done to reduce or prevent violence?*

1. Describe your actual outcomes.
2. Describe the impact of your project.

We believe the impact is more focused on preventing future violence rather than immediately reducing the current rate within the community. We believe that the events and educational opportunities provide youth with the tools to handle situations differently. Additionally, offering a safe space helps reduce idle time for youth in the community, contributing to a more positive environment.

Learning and Adapting

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

There have no changes to our proposed plan.

Challenges

Describe any ongoing challenges.

Our ongoing challenge at the branch is managing idle time when no programming is being offered. At times, after school, youth tend to handle their conflicts outside the branch, and occasionally, these conflicts carry

over into the building. If we had the capacity to employ more staff members equipped with the skills to handle situations near our branch, we believe that, as a whole community, we could help reduce the violence we see within Homewood.

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

YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh's STV Budget Report_Submitted 12.18.2024.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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One of the most recent success stories comes from a high school student at Obama Academy. He recently reached out to conduct an interview about his local YMCA. He shared that he often hears about the YMCA and all the offerings the Homewood branch provides for the community. He mentioned that the Homewood YMCA is known as the place to be after school and expressed that he feels safe every time he comes to the building.

This is a highlight for our branch because most of our youth walk to us from nearby schools, and our reach continues to expand. At Homewood, we pride ourselves on being a safe haven for youth, and the work we are doing demonstrates that we are heading in the right direction. The Obama Academy student will be visiting DC next year to speak about how safe space places are impacting his local community and how the YMCA plays a role positive youth engagement.

Photos and Digital Clips

Please attach any photos or videos illustrating your work.

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Verification

Name of Organizational Representative Completing Report*

Nedra L. Perkis

Title of Organizational Representative*

Grant Writer 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*

12/18/2024

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh's STV Budget Report_Submitted 12.18.2024.xlsx
- YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh STV Conference.HEIC

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] YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh Grant Process [4] Stope the Violence

Grant Start / End Dates: [2] May 1 2024 to 30-Apr-25 Report Period: [5] 01-May-24 to 30-Nov-24

Approved Grant Amount: [3] \$ 30,000 (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
Other	Salaries	\$ 11,475	\$ 0	\$ 8,567	\$ 8,567	\$ 2,908
Other	Benefits	\$ 1,350	\$ 0	\$ 830	\$ 830	\$ 520
Consultants	Prof. Services	\$ 450	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 450
Other	Y Memberships	\$ 3,375	\$ 0	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 2,925
General Operations	Travel/Conf. Mtg.	\$ 2,250	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,250
Materials and/or Supplies	Supplies	\$ 750	\$ 0	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 250
Other	Eval./Promo	\$ 750	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 750
General Operations	Food	\$ 3,600	\$ 0	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,400
Subtotal Direct Costs		\$ 24,000	\$ 0	\$ 11,547	\$ 11,547	\$ 12,453
Indirect Costs		\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Totals		\$ 30,000	\$ 0	\$ 11,547	\$ 11,547	\$ 18,453

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 your organization and that the information provided is true and correct, and that any funds expended have been expended in accordance with the purposes of the grant.

Name and Title: [12]

Trey Mc

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] 30,000

Please explain significant budget variances where indicated
[11]

ion, that the organization is in compliance with the

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