

Save Your Life Today 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.

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Project Start Date (from Grant Proposal)*

01/01/2024

Project Start Date (Actual)*

01/01/2024

Grant Information

Grant Amount Awarded*

\$45,000.00

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)*

5000

Number of Program Participants (Actual)*

5000

Number of Participants Ages 0-17 (Actual)*

2000

Number of Participants Ages 18-30 (Actual)*

1000

Number of Participants Ages 30+ (Actual)*

2000

What neighborhoods do your project participants represent?*

Allegheny West
Allentown
Arlington
Bedford Dwellings
Beechview
Beltzhoover
Bloomfield
Brighton Heights
Brookline
Carrick
Central Northside (Mexican War Streets)
Central Oakland
Chartiers
Crafton Heights
East Carnegie
East Hills
East Liberty
Elliott
Esplen
Fairywood
Friendship
Garfield (The Valley, The Hilltop)
Glen Hazel
Hays
Hazelwood
Homewood North
Homewood South
Homewood West
Manchester
Mount Oliver
Mount Washington/Chatham Village
North Oakland
North Shore
Northview Heights
Oakwood
Perry North (also known as Observatory Hill)
Perry South (also known as Perry Hilltop)
Sheraden
South Oakland/Panther Hollow/Southshore/Station Square
South Side Flats/SouthSide Works
South Side Slopes
West End

West Oakland
Westwood
Windgap

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 6

Work Conducted

Proposed Project/Program Activities*

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

Back to school supplies
community days
Food distributions (One a month)
Backpacks for the homeless
diaper bank
incontinence bank
Food Pantry
internships/mentorship program with City Charter High
Fall themed community outreach (Safe Halloween)
Christmas Outreach (convention center)
Stop the violence 12 week parent/guardian course
dollar energy fund
utility and rent assistance

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?

Hands on collaboration with Several Police departments/districts
 worked with the emma munson foundation
 new partnership with Amazon
 Utilized the United Diaper Bank
 Partnered with several schools in PPS district
 Developed a new partnership with The Open Door: Youth Outreach
 Strengthened relationship with Crafton Heights U.P Church
 Spoke with and received support from the Crafton Rotary club.

Status of Project Plan*

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

Our most significant part of our proposal that we have implemented has been our 12 week parent/guardian stop the violence/parenting classes. With a board reach across the region, we able to bring in parents from different walks of life and get them to acknowledge and take steps towards improving their role in violence in their family and community. Our prep work and follow up from these classes have shown that we are making a difference and we are excited to get started with the next session of these classes this spring.

- We have also improved our reach within the community through our different community events, providing parents and children with resources needed around the holidays and at the beginning of the school year.
- Our backpacks for the homeless program has been a huge success along side our food pantry.
- We've been able to help families navigate utility and rent assistance programs.

Proposed Outcomes*

The outcomes desired for these programs is to strengthen familial bonds, increase community connectivity, and lessen the effects of violence in our neighborhoods. This comes about by addressing issues at the home, food insecurity, financial instability, etc. We seek to address these variables and improve the quality of life for families and individuals within and outside of our programs. We have served over 1000 individuals this past year facing food insecurity at our food distributions.

Progress*

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

We have served over 2000 individuals this past year facing food insecurity at our food distributions.

- We distributed over 350 backpacks full of school supplies to children in need at the start of the school year.
- We have been able to serve over 500 families through helping them access the Dollar Energy Fund, LIHEAP, and other utility and rental assistance agencies.
- Our community events have reached well over 1000 families throughout the year, giving them access to necessary resources and connecting them with other assets

within our program and the community.

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 provided in person training to 70 families, focused on addressing the issues of violence stemming from, and being enabled within the household. Through this program, we taught and empowered parents/guardians to address their own behavior and beliefs that have hindered peace and given rise to violence in the streets. This program has impacted the lives of these families, and expanded out into the neighborhood as violence has been cut off at the root, interrupting violence before it can gain a foothold. - People often lash out when they are backed into a corner, personally, financially, emotionally, and we have sought to address this. One major impact has been providing days worth of food to over 200 families in need every month this past year

Learning and Adapting

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

We adjusted some of our programs, primarily our youth program/transportation due to a lack of staffing and funding to fulfill this new idea.

Challenges

Describe any ongoing challenges.

Most of the challenges we faced were out of our hands with things like weather affecting attendance certain months.

Retention, ensuring that people stick with our parenting classes. While we didn't have much drop off, it was still a commitment that doesn't appeal to everyone.

Staffing is our biggest challenge, getting volunteers to come in and put in the work to ensure our programs run smoothly.

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 SALT Pittsburgh.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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- Our biggest, and most successful event was our Christmas Community Event. This event took place at the David L Lawrence convention center, where we served nearly 500 families, providing them with toys for their children for Christmas, a meal with the Mayor, and a full Christmas party experience, where children could do crafts, win prizes, meet Santa, and ride on a Holiday Train! This event was a culmination of our year and was a celebration of all that we have done, and will continue to do for the community and families in need.

Photos and Digital Clips

Please attach any photos or videos illustrating your work.

Christmas Party Pictures.pdf

Verification

Name of Organizational Representative Completing Report*

Brian Mack

Title of Organizational Representative*

Secretary

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*

01/30/2025

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- STV Budget Reporting form SALT Pittsburgh.pdf
- Christmas Party Pictures.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]Save A Life Today PittsburghGrant Process [4]Stop the Violenceto date (US \$)

Grant Start / End Dates: [2]01-Jan-2431-Dec-24Report Period: [5]01-Jan-24to12/31/24

Approved Grant Amount: [3]\$ 45,000 (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 budget val
General Operations	\$ 45,000	\$ 0	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 0	Expenses f Food Pantr Community Community
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	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Subtotal Direct Costs	\$ 45,000	\$ 0	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 0	
Indirect Costs		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Totals	\$ 45,000	\$ 0	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 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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1/30/2025

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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.

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