

## East End Cooperative Ministry

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

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# FollowUp Form

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## *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)\***

06/01/2024

**Project Start Date (Actual)\***

06/01/2024

***Grant Information***

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**Grant Amount Awarded\***

\$20,000.00

**Award Amount Spent\***

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

Yes

***Population Served***

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**Number of Program/Project Participants (Proposed)\***

1500

**Number of Program Participants (Actual)\***

375

**Number of Participants Ages 0-17 (Actual)\***

375

**Number of Participants Ages 18-30 (Actual)\***

0

**Number of Participants Ages 30+ (Actual)\***

0

**What neighborhoods do your project participants represent?\***

East Liberty  
Garfield (The Valley, The Hilltop)  
Highland Park  
Homewood North  
Homewood South  
Homewood West  
Larimer  
Lincoln–Lemington–Belmar  
Manchester

**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 4  
Zone 5

## ***Work Conducted***

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**Proposed Project/Program Activities\***

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

EECM's Impact Diversion Program will focus on supporting Pittsburgh's young people in the public school system to develop coping strategies to avoid violence, as well as dealing with precursors to violence, which include drug and alcohol use; childhood trauma or ACEs; and unstable familial, peer, and romantic relationships. We will do this through three specific, targeted areas: community, home, and school.

Within the school setting, our Children and Youth staff will present three evidence-based curricula centered around violence prevention and diversion in small groups, classrooms, and school assemblies. Curricula include: Get Real About Violence, Steps to Respect, and Black on Black Violence.

Additionally, CYS will provide support to teachers and administration in redirecting students to more positive behaviors. Young people who receive disciplinary action due to classroom disruption will be placed in

designated groups. Mentors work with students and parents, teachers, and staff to create service plans that include the goals for each student's personal and academic growth.

Within the community, we will present diversion programming through our after school and summer camp programs. CYS provides extracurricular activities that students are able to take part in, which include Creation Station, a creative, performing, and media arts education program; recreational programs, which include gym, hockey, and urban cycling; and tutoring programs.

## 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?

EECM did collaborate with most of its partners throughout the 6-month grant period, including the Pittsburgh Public School system, local congregations, and government agencies.

We attended/hosted several community events, including the following:

-Back to School Summer Jam on August 23

-Welcome Back to School Event on August 24 (provided children and families with new backpacks filled with essential school supplies)

-Obama Football Game on October 3

-Westinghouse Football Game on November 14

-Black Nativity Event on December 21 - This event exposed students to a culturally specific interpretation of the Christmas story, allowing them to experience the Nativity narrative through the lens of African American culture, traditions, and music. often highlighting themes of hope, resilience, and community through the lens of a historically marginalized group of people.

## Status of Project Plan\*

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

As our program is ongoing, our project was carried out with limited changes. We hired our two new violence prevention coordinators, who work within the schools and in our after school programs to present prevention education to youth. They were oriented in the prevention curriculum and started working in schools in the early fall. These schools included Fulton, Linden, Manchester K-8, U-Prep, Westinghouse 6-12, Obama 6-12, and South Hills.

Additionally, we worked with youth in our high risk groups and rewarded those who improved behaviors with exposure activities. This included visits to restaurants, performances, museums, sporting events, and more.

## Proposed Outcomes\*

Within 6 months (June 2024 to December 2024)

- Provide violence prevention programming to at least 750 students in PPS school district. Survey students.
- Register at least 150 students in after school programming.
- Begin intensive, designated group meetings for at least 50 youth in PPS schools.
- Provide at least 1 exposure activity to at least 75 youth enrolled in after school programming.

## Progress\*

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

Within 6 months, we have provided several programs to youth, including our 5-week summer day camp, our violence prevention courses in schools, and our one-to-one mentoring program for high risk groups. As it took us a bit longer to hire our two new violence prevention program coordinators, we are a little behind in presenting our prevention programming to the 750 students we expected, but we have already presented in seven schools with plans on expanding to more. Altogether, we have worked with 350 students thus far.

We met our goal of enrolling at least 150 students in after school programming and work with upwards of 100 students in our high risk groups. We met our exposure activity goal by providing 12 activities to over 150 youth in our after school programming.

## 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.

Project Impact meets students where they are in school, at home, and in the community. We are a wraparound service for our high risk students, in that they, their families, and their teachers are encouraged to come to us with any questions and concerns they have regarding in-school and out-of-school events that take place. About 25 students receive home visits/parent meetings with us. Students know that they can turn to one of our mentors if they feel like their family or teachers wouldn't understand. We advocate for vulnerable youth and teach them to feel pride in themselves enough to avoid violence and precedents to violence at all costs.

Among youth in our high risk groups, 90 percent have had no in-school violent incidents since the start of school in August 2024. We are working to improve their grades and attendance to ensure they are focused on positive activities and less on peer pressure.

## Learning and Adapting

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

No

## Challenges

Describe any ongoing challenges.

A major challenge we're up against is the child to teacher ratio in classrooms. Many times, teachers are less equipped to handle unruliness in students, and this can result in disruptive classes. Teachers are dealing with burnout because the student behaviors shown in class are difficult to deal with. We advocate for teachers in this case, and help manage classrooms.

## Budget

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### 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](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)

Mid Year Budget Report - POISE 2024.xlsx

## Share Your Story

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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 15-year-old female participant dealt with many troubling situations in the past year. Her mother was diagnosed with a terminal illness, which forced much of her care onto the participant's shoulders. Her father for his part was verbally abusive and controlling. As a result, she ran away and after the police found her, they alerted our leadership team, with whom she has a close relationship. With our assistance, we were able to get CYF involved, whereby she was able to live instead with her sister. She is now receiving therapy and attending school regularly, and is less anxious without her father around.

## Photos and Digital Clips

Please attach any photos or videos illustrating your work.

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## ***Verification***

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### **Name of Organizational Representative Completing Report\***

Emily Wentworth

### **Title of Organizational Representative\***

Grants Manager

### **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\***

01/03/2025

## File Attachment Summary

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### *Applicant File Uploads*

- Mid Year Budget Report - POISE 2024.xlsx
- IMG\_5425.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] EECM Grant Process [4] Stop the Violence

Grant Start / End Dates: [2] 01-Jun-24 to 31-Dec-24 Report Period: [5] 01-Jun-24 to 30-Nov-24

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
General Operations	\$ 8,889	\$ 9,794	\$ 0	\$ 9,794	-\$ 905
Professional Development/Training	\$ 3,333	\$ 0	\$ 2,060	\$ 2,060	\$ 1,273
Subgrants to Organizations	\$ 4,848	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,848
Materials and/or Supplies	\$ 1,111	\$ 6,328	\$ 0	\$ 6,328	-\$ 5,217
		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Subtotal Direct Costs</b>	\$ 18,182	\$ 16,122	\$ 2,060	\$ 18,182	\$ 0

Indirect Costs		\$ 1,818	\$ 0	\$ 1,818	\$ 1,818	\$ 0
Totals	*	\$ 20,000	\$ 16,122	\$ 3,878	\$ 20,000	\$ 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]

Jerry Par

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] \$20,000.00

Please explain significant budget variances where indicated  
[11]

More than was initially budgeted was spent supporting staff salaries and benefits. As a result, more was spent in this line item and less in other line items.

Summer programming efforts were focused more on the Violence Intervention Symposium than was expecting when creating the budget for the STV grant. As a result, we did not spend any funds on professional development.

Costs that were going to be incurred by partner organizations where instead incurred by Youth Enrichment Services for the 2024 Violence Intervention Symposium

The Violence Intervention Symposium required more funds than initially budgeted for. As a result, this spending in this line item is higher than expected and lower in other line items.

Training of Camp Counselors was done for 1 week- total costs of approximately \$19,000 for 35 Camp Counselors Training would include violence prevention.

Total Indirects were actually \$15K

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purposes of the grant.

fitt, Vice President for Finance and Administration

12/26/2024

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