

A Giving Heart

*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)*

06/15/2024

Project Start Date (Actual)*

06/15/2024

Grant Information

Grant Amount Awarded*

\$30,000.00

Award Amount Spent*

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

Yes

Population Served

Number of Program/Project Participants (Proposed)*

160

Number of Program Participants (Actual)*

80

Number of Participants Ages 0-17 (Actual)*

80

Number of Participants Ages 18-30 (Actual)*

0

Number of Participants Ages 30+ (Actual)*

0

What neighborhoods do your project participants represent?*

Allentown
Arlington
Central Northside (Mexican War Streets)
East Hills
East Liberty
Homewood South
Homewood West
Knoxville
Perry North (also known as Observatory Hill)
Perry South (also known as Perry Hilltop)

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 3
Zone 5

Work Conducted

Proposed Project/Program Activities*

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

-Collaborate with local schools, community centers, and organizations to establish 1 basketball clinic, 2 practice sessions and 1 leadership group activity per week, ensuring accessibility and convenience for the target population.

We were able to collaborate with a local high school, Perry Traditional Academy, and other organizations across the city. We were able to talk with the coaches and middle and high school students.

- Develop a structured curriculum that integrates basketball skills training with life skills workshops focusing on conflict resolution, anger management, and positive communication.
- We conducted pre-evaluation to assess the impact of the basketball program so we can make necessary adjustments.

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 as anticipated in the proposal. We had coaches from the Steel City Yellow Jackets facilitate the workouts and drills. We had teams from other organizations participate in the basketball league to put the skills being learned into practice (New Vision, Dreamz Basketball, Team Wo, Alpha Dawgz and Perry Traditional Academy. We also collaborated with the Western PA basketball referees to ensure we had referees that engaged with the players.

An unanticipated change was a team who had to drop out of the program.

The impact made is being able to reach more children in middle and high school to keep them off the streets, out of trouble and train them on how to resolve conflicts. We cannot take away emotions or problems but teaching them how to resolve them has a great impact.

I think a calendar with each program's activities listed or a way for everyone to put their information into google calendar would be a great way to improve collaborations amongst STOP the Violence grantees. Also, a list with contact information for each organization would be very helpful.

Status of Project Plan*

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

- Leadership group activities
- Basketball training
- Basketball league
- Feeding the young men breakfast and lunch

Proposed Outcomes*

- We will use Dr. Dish (a shooting machine) that tracks the progress and improvement of basketball players. We will measure the impact of the basketball program through metrics such as reduced involvement in violence, improved academic performance, and increased social connectedness.
- Continuously evaluate and improve the program through feedback from participants, families, and community stakeholders.

- Celebrate the successes and achievements of program participants to inspire and motivate others.
- Engage in ongoing outreach efforts to reach and involve more youth at high risk for violence in the program.

Progress*

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

- The shooting percentage increased by 9.7%.
- All program participants were not involved in any violence.
- Parents attended games.
- Most teams had at least 1 win!
- We are reaching out to collaborate with more organizations that have youth at high risk for violence.

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 practiced Monday - Wednesday keeping 30 kids off the street during the hours of 9am-1pm. We played basketball games from 4pm-7pm (some days 8pm) Monday - Wednesday keeping 60-80 kids off the street per day. With travel time the kids were off the street from 3pm-9pm. The middle and high school students were able to learn how to effectively communicate with each other on and off the court and when a disagreement would arise, they learned how to express themselves without tuning each other out due to frustrations and how to restrain themselves before becoming physical with each other.

Learning and Adapting

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

No.

Challenges

Describe any ongoing challenges.

A few students play football. They were able to attend practice, but we had to work around their schedule to play games. We also had challenges with rush hour traffic.

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

AGH STV Budget Reporting Form B.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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We had a successful league with no incidents. All coaches local and on the outskirts of the city were able to arrive on time. Although basketball is a sport that will have emotions running high, all the children were able to play and be competitive in a safe environment. The coaches are looking forward to coming back and more coaches want to participate in the program.

Photos and Digital Clips

Please attach any photos or videos illustrating your work.

Dream 2024.jpg

Verification

Name of Organizational Representative Completing Report*

Kristee Cammack

Title of Organizational Representative*

CEO

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*

01/16/2025

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- AGH STV Budget Reporting Form B.xlsx
- Dream 2024.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] A Giving Heart Grant Process [4] A Giving Heart

Grant Start / End Dates: [2] 15-May-24 15-May-25 Report Period: [5] 01-Sep-24 to 11/30/24

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	Please exp variances v
General Operations	\$ 20,637	\$ 20,637	\$ 0	\$ 20,637	\$ 0	
Materials and/or Supplies	\$ 9,363	\$ 9,363	\$ 0	\$ 9,363	\$ 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	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Subtotal Direct Costs	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	\$ 0	
Indirect Costs		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Totals	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	\$ 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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Kristee Camm

Date:

1/16/2025

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Phone Number: [14]

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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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