

TransYOUning

*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)*

05/02/2024

Project Start Date (Actual)*

06/10/2024

Grant Information

Grant Amount Awarded*

\$10,000.00

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)*

100

Number of Program Participants (Actual)*

220

Number of Participants Ages 0-17 (Actual)*

20

Number of Participants Ages 18-30 (Actual)*

150

Number of Participants Ages 30+ (Actual)*

70

What neighborhoods do your project participants represent?*

Allegheny Center
Allegheny West
Beechview
Beltzhoover
Central Business District (also known as Downtown and the Golden Triangle)
Central Lawrenceville
Central Northside (Mexican War Streets)
East Allegheny (also known as Deutschtown)
Knoxville
Mount Washington/Chatham Village
North Shore
Northview Heights
Shadyside
Sheraden
South Oakland/Panther Hollow\Southshore/Station Square
South Side Flats/SouthSide Works
South Side Slopes
Strip District
Upper Hill
Upper Lawrenceville
West End

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

Work Conducted

Proposed Project/Program Activities*

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

Under the funding provided, we implemented a scaled version of the proposed programming to address the critical needs of Pittsburgh's LGBTQIA community. With the \$10,000 grant, we prioritized short-term housing support, providing safe accommodations for 15 transgender individuals, offering stability and a secure environment. While we aimed to run four workforce readiness cohorts annually, the available funding allowed us to initiate foundational sessions, helping participants develop key skills for employment. We successfully held biweekly group therapy sessions, fostering emotional resilience and addressing trauma within our community. Additionally, we maintained our open closet and pantry services, providing clothing, hygiene products, and essential supplies to over 40 LGBTQIA and unhoused community members monthly. Partnerships with Proud Haven, and Allies for Health+Wellbeing enabled us to maximize resources, offering housing support, legal advocacy, and sexual health services. Though our capacity was limited, we utilized the grant to create impactful programming that directly supported marginalized individuals, particularly Black trans women and gender-expansive people, ensuring that every dollar contributed to building safety, empowerment, and community resilience.

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 maintained strong collaborations as outlined in our project proposal, with our key partners playing integral roles in the implementation of the scaled-down programming. Proud Haven continued to provide critical housing and material resources, enabling us to support the short-term housing needs of transgender individuals effectively. The Abolitionist Law Center delivered essential legal advocacy and court support, addressing challenges faced by our community members. Allies for Health+Wellbeing remained a vital collaborator, ensuring access to sexual health testing and services for LGBTQIA individuals.

While the core responsibilities of our partners remained consistent, some adjustments were necessary to align with the reduced scope of the program due to the limited funding. For instance, fewer group therapy sessions and workshops were held than originally planned, requiring tighter coordination to maximize impact. Despite these adjustments, the collaborations ensured that services were delivered efficiently and that our community received targeted support.

The partnerships significantly enhanced the project's reach and effectiveness, addressing critical gaps in services for LGBTQIA individuals, particularly Black trans women. To improve collaboration among STOP the Violence grantees, establishing shared platforms for resource-sharing, joint training sessions, and networking opportunities would foster stronger alliances and amplify collective impact.

Status of Project Plan*

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

Despite limited funding, we successfully implemented several key activities from our proposed project plan, prioritizing the most critical needs of the TLGBQIA+ community. The QMNTY Center provided short-term housing for 15 transgender individuals, offering a safe and supportive environment. Biweekly group therapy sessions were held as planned, providing trauma-informed care and emotional support to those navigating systemic and personal challenges.

We maintained our open closet and pantry, serving over 40 TLGBQIA+ unhoused community members monthly with essential clothing, hygiene products, and pantry items. Additionally, foundational workforce readiness sessions were initiated, equipping participants with basic employment skills and tools for economic stability. While the number of planned workshops was reduced, we prioritized key topics such as mental health, community safety, and conflict resolution, ensuring impactful engagement with attendees.

One notable community support initiative included our collaboration with We the People 412, Black Voters Matter, and other organizations. This event, attended by 210 individuals, created a safe space for the TLGBQIA+ community to connect with local organizations, access resources, and engage in meaningful dialogue with law enforcement. The event bridged gaps, fostered understanding, and highlighted the importance of collaborative community efforts.

These implemented activities reflect the impact of the STOP the Violence grant and our ability to adapt the project plan to available resources while addressing the urgent needs of our community. With additional funding, we could expand these efforts further, reaching more individuals and delivering even greater impact.

Proposed Outcomes*

The project aimed to address the critical needs of the TLGBQIA+ community by providing housing, trauma-informed care, and essential resources. We housed 15 transgender individuals, offering them safety and stability through short-term housing. Biweekly group therapy sessions supported emotional well-being, while monthly workshops focused on conflict resolution, mental health, and community safety.

Our open closet and pantry served over 40 TLGBQIA+ individuals monthly, reducing survival behaviors that increase exposure to violence. Workforce readiness training provided foundational employment skills, and collaborations with partners like the Abolitionist Law Center addressed systemic violence through legal advocacy and support.

These outcomes reflect the program's meaningful impact in fostering safety, stability, and resilience within the community. Additional resources could allow us to expand these efforts to meet the growing demand for support and services.

Progress*

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

Under the constraints of the funding provided, we achieved scaled outcomes aligned with our original goals. We housed 15 transgender individuals, offering safety and stability through short-term housing. Biweekly group therapy sessions supported emotional well-being and provided trauma-informed care, while our open closet and pantry served over 40 TLGBQIA+ community members and unhoused individuals monthly with essential supplies.

Although reduced funding limited the scope of our planned workforce readiness training, we initiated foundational sessions equipping participants with key employment skills. Similarly, we adapted monthly workshops to focus on critical topics like conflict resolution and mental health, reaching smaller but impactful groups.

These achievements demonstrate the meaningful impact of the program within the funding constraints. With additional resources, we could expand our reach to support more individuals and foster broader systemic change.

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.

This project has created safe spaces and resources that reduce violence and its risk factors for Pittsburgh's TLGBQIA+ community, particularly Black trans women and gender-expansive individuals. Through the QMNTY Center, we housed 15 transgender individuals, providing a secure environment that removed them from unsafe living situations and reduced their vulnerability to violence and exploitation.

Biweekly group therapy sessions offered trauma-informed care, equipping participants with tools to navigate challenges and build resilience. Workshops on conflict resolution, mental health, and community safety empowered individuals with strategies to de-escalate conflicts and navigate systemic barriers, directly addressing violence prevention.

The open closet and pantry served over 40 TLGBQIA+ community members and unhoused individuals monthly, offering resources to reduce survival behaviors that increase exposure to violence. Collaborations with partners like the Abolitionist Law Center further addressed systemic violence by providing legal advocacy and court support, reducing harmful police interactions.

This project measurably increased stability, safety, and empowerment for those at high risk of violence, addressing immediate needs and fostering long-term resilience to reduce violence and its precursors.

Learning and Adapting

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

No, there are no changes to the proposed plan.

Challenges

Describe any ongoing challenges.

Balancing the critical needs of the TLGBQIA+ community with limited funding remains a challenge. The grant allowed for scaled-down programming, but fewer housing spaces, workshops, and therapy sessions than planned made it difficult to meet the full demand for services.

Addressing deep-seated mistrust between the TLGBQIA+ community and law enforcement is another ongoing challenge. While partnerships like the one with the Abolitionist Law Center provide advocacy and court support, fostering safety and understanding is a complex, long-term effort.

The rising demand for mental health services, combined with limited resources, further strains our capacity to meet the needs of all seeking support. These challenges highlight the ongoing need for increased funding and collaboration to address systemic barriers and expand our impact.

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

Grant_Financial_Report_Shareable.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 community support initiatives funded by the STOP the Violence grant was a collaborative event with We the People 412, Black Voters Matter, and other local and national organizations. This gathering brought together over 210 attendees, including TLGBQIA+ individuals, community members, and law enforcement, in a safe and inclusive space designed to foster dialogue, education, and trust.

During the event, a community member shared how they felt safe in the presence of police officers for the first time. They noted the respectful demeanor of the officers toward the TLGBQIA+ community created an atmosphere of safety and mutual understanding. Additionally, the event allowed individuals outside the queer community to learn more about the experiences and challenges faced by TLGBQIA+ individuals, fostering awareness and empathy.

The event also served as a resource hub, connecting attendees to information about voting rights, community safety, and services available to the TLGBQIA+ community. This initiative demonstrated the power of community-driven efforts to reduce tensions, build trust, and create safer spaces, bridging gaps between law enforcement and marginalized communities.

The STOP the Violence grant allowed us to not only provide essential services like housing and therapy but also create impactful events like this, empowering our community and promoting lasting change.

Photos and Digital Clips

Please attach any photos or videos illustrating your work.

Verification

Name of Organizational Representative Completing Report*

Dena Stanley

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*

01/08/2025

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- Grant_Financial_Report_Shareable.xlsx

Field Details
 Organizatic Trans YOUNiting
 Grant Proci Stop the Violence
 Grant Num [Enter Number]
 Total receiv \$10,000
 Grant Start 01-Jan-24 to 31-Dec-24
 Report Peri 01-Jan-24 to 30-Nov-24
 Approved C \$10,000

Budget Cat	Approved	Amount Sp	Amount Sp	Total Spent	Unexpende	Explanation of Variances
Housing Su	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	Fully utilized to house 15 individua
Group Ther	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	Covered biweekly trauma-informe
Workforce	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	Focused on foundational employr
Workshops	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	Prioritized workshops on mental h
Material Su	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	Fully utilized to serve 40 TLGBQIA+
Administra	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	Covered administrative expenses f
Totals	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	

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for coordination.