

The Kingsley Association

*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)*

06/01/2024

Grant Information

Grant Amount Awarded*

\$25,000.00

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)*

1000

Number of Program Participants (Actual)*

7770

Number of Participants Ages 0-17 (Actual)*

480

Number of Participants Ages 18-30 (Actual)*

120

Number of Participants Ages 30+ (Actual)*

170

What neighborhoods do your project participants represent?*

Bloomfield
East Hills
East Liberty
Friendship
Garfield (The Valley, The Hilltop)
Highland Park
Homewood North
Homewood South
Homewood West
Larimer
Lincoln Place
Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar
Morningside
Point Breeze/Park Place
Shadyside

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 5

Work Conducted

Proposed Project/Program Activities*

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

The “Safe Harbor: Empowering East End Communities through Enhanced Data & Violence Intervention Initiatives” project is an effort to build on the violence prevention framework the Kingsley Association created over the past year. Through Kingsley’s centralized coordination of community-centered sessions and events for youth & families, we facilitated increased positive community engagement, optimized resources

around violence & intervention, and fostered collaborative opportunities through space sharing in, and among, community organizations & residents in the neighborhoods of Larimer and the surrounding East End neighborhoods of Homewood, East Liberty, Garfield, and Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar.

Informed by last year's work, Kingsley sees an opportunity to further its critical administrative role in synchronizing the efforts of local organizations in the target region by expanding the number of venues for gathering, enhancing information gathering related to the root causes of community violence and dissemination of crucial information (creating an "app"), establishing an Outreach & Activity Fund to cover event expenses, and supporting youth collaboration for a Back 2 School Jam.

Over a 1-year period, Kingsley's aim is to bolster the capacities of groups working together on prevention, intervention & response strategies to not only confront violence directly, but to also lay the groundwork for proactive efforts that address the root causes of violence and prevent its escalation.

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?

Our collaborations, such as the Back to School Weekend, largely proceeded as expected, though adjustments were needed. For instance, the event expanded into a weekend to accommodate partner schedules & community needs. While most partners have fulfilled their roles, challenges like capacity issues, seasonal shifts, and personnel turnover required flexibility & onboarding of new collaborators during slower periods.

Day-to-day collaborations have included tech support, sharing contacts, and acting as a resource hub. Unanticipated support, such as Target's Shop with a Cop & Thriftique's clothing vouchers, allowed us to address needs dynamically. When challenges arise, we leverage partnerships & networks to secure resources, improving our capacity & strengthening our neighborhood's responsiveness. These processes not only address needs effectively but also build new relationships & deepen existing ones, creating a collaborative foundation that enhances community impact.

To improve collaboration among STV grantees, City-facilitated alignment could help connect overlapping efforts. Many partners face restrictions from specific funding streams, making broader collaboration difficult. Flexible funding has allowed us to fill gaps, but unified coordination would amplify impact. Additionally, improved data systems would enable participant tracking.

Status of Project Plan*

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

Our progress toward the proposed goals reflects both successes & challenges. In alignment with Goal 1, we have worked to provide equitable access to space despite ongoing renovations that limited our ability to host as many events as planned. However, we leveraged this time to focus on dynamic programming. Highlights include hosting unique youth events like juggling workshops & a meeting with the Department of Energy, basketball programs, and supporting aspiring local business owners. We've also ensured discounted space access aligns with supporting youth-focused events & programs.

For Goal 2, we concentrated on developing & improving our data collection framework. While progress has been slower due to integrating new consulting opportunities, we've made strides in building technological

capacity. Conversations & training for staff & program leaders have laid the groundwork for implementing a centralized data system in the upcoming year, aiming to align with partner needs & programming. Youth engagement under Goal 3 has been robust. We supported partner programs like Urban Strategies' Active Chef Program, the YES Youth Violence Symposium, and Northway initiatives, while continuing relationships with groups like Kelly Strayhorn Theater to provide printing & tech support for events. Our Back to School Weekend & youth-centered activities have enhanced participation & strengthened connections.

For Goal 4, we successfully supported & synergized key events like the Harvest Festival, Thanksgiving Giveaway, and upcoming holiday initiatives. These events have increased access to resources & strengthened vendor participation. Additionally, day-to-day collaborations have enhanced capacity-building efforts, from providing tech support to sharing data strategies with local RCOs.

Overall, these efforts ensure that participants are better informed, resourced, and supported, while fostering stronger partnerships & improving organizational capacity to serve the community.

Proposed Outcomes*

GOAL 1:

Kingsley will approve at least five (5) applications from new community organizations/individuals aligned with the priority initiatives by the end of November 2024.

GOAL 2:

Kingsley will establish a comprehensive data collection framework and incentivize 100% participation from partner agencies to record and report on their organization's activities systematically by September 2024.

GOAL 3

Kingsley will focus on crafting learning opportunities and fostering connections between youth and Registered Community Organizations (RCOs) to achieve a minimum 5% increase in youth participation at RCO events by May 2025.

GOAL 4:

Kingsley will consolidate neighborhood events such as the Back to School Jam in August 2024 by allocating a percentage of funding for vendor expenses, promotional materials, and logistical support to facilitate a 25% increase in vendor participation at the events, enhancing its impact and outreach within the community.

Progress*

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

Our project has made significant progress, with several key highlights to date. The Back to School Weekend, expanded into a multi-day event, enabled the distribution of over 600 backpacks, reaching more families than anticipated. While programs like our Family Center activities & Teen Lead initiatives maintain active participant lists, open events like Back to School do not track individual data, yet reflect the broad net we cast to engage families in positive activities.

By leveraging our position as a community hub, we've dynamically resourced initiatives like the Active Chef Program, supporting partners & providing opportunities for relationship building & resource sharing. These efforts not only engage families in constructive activities but also enhance the capacity of other programs through shared connections & timely support.

To date, we've impacted over 770 participants across all programs, focusing on creating positive opportunities & building stronger relationships.

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.

Our violence prevention approach focuses on addressing root causes, fostering trust, and offering positive alternatives. By engaging the community in structured activities, we mitigate risk factors such as isolation, lack of resources, and limited opportunities.

Actual Outcomes:

Programs like the Back to School Weekend provided over 600 families with essential supplies, reducing stress & promoting community trust. The Zone 5 Public Safety Meetings improved dialogue between residents & law enforcement, proactively addressing safety concerns. Youth-focused initiatives, including Urban Strategies' Active Chef Program & Teen Lead sessions with the Department of Energy, engaged participants in skill-building activities, fostering safer environments & stronger connections.

Impact of the Project:

As a community hub, we've created a network of resource sharing & collaboration that supports individuals before crises escalate. Partnerships with organizations like Target & Thriftique helped address immediate needs such as clothing and household essentials, alleviating stressors that could lead to conflict. Programs like the YES Symposium empowered youth with violence prevention strategies, building a culture of resilience.

These efforts align with the public health approach to violence prevention by addressing systemic inequities and fostering social connections.

Learning and Adapting

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

Our proposed plan was designed to be flexible, enabling us to adapt to changing needs & partnerships while remaining responsive to evolving circumstances. While there have been no significant changes to our overall philosophy or approach, we've adjusted to shifts in personnel, partnerships, and external factors. Political events & election results, for instance, have redirected focus for some partners & introduced uncertainties, such as concerns about funding stability.

We anticipate similar dynamics with the upcoming mayoral election & incoming presidential administration, which may affect collaboration due to heightened stress & trust issues among organizations. We've prioritized maintaining a consistent, trusted space for collaboration to ensure these challenges do not disrupt the services & support provided to families.

Challenges

Describe any ongoing challenges.

Our ongoing challenges include navigating personnel shifts, varying funding methods, and the complexities of communication & technological capacity. Election cycles have further complicated planning, redirecting focus, impacting funding stability, and creating competing schedules that limit partners' ability to fully engage. These dynamics have made collaboration & aligning efforts more challenging than anticipated.

Another key challenge is implementing new data structures & standards while fostering trust with the communities we serve. It's essential to clearly communicate that data collection is intended to enhance services & address needs, not to invade privacy. Ensuring this understanding is critical to building trust & encouraging participation. Balancing the need for meaningful storytelling to secure continued funding with respecting the lived experiences of those we serve remains an ongoing effort.

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 Detail 12.31.24.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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Our Teen Lead program continues to thrive as a result of dynamic partnerships & creative resource use supported by the STV grant. A recent collaboration with the Department of Energy provided teens with exposure to career paths & passions they hadn't fully explored before. One participant shared how the session highlighted a budding interest in sustainability, inspiring thoughtful discussions among peers. The openness & shared experiences in that room allowed our teens to connect & express themselves in ways we hadn't seen before.

These moments have been mirrored across other activities, from juggling & dancing to hands-on workshops. Leveraging relationships & bartering resources has enabled us to create enriching opportunities that foster both vulnerability & growth in our youth. This flexibility has not only strengthened Teen Lead but also positively impacted our Family Center programming & men's groups, with participants benefiting from shared resources & a more connected community.

The ripple effects extend beyond our programs, enhancing our ability to meet needs creatively through partnerships with organizations like Thriftique & Target. These collaborations have allowed us to address individual & community needs dynamically, amplifying our role as a trusted hub for growth & support.

We've cultivated a supportive environment that uplifts individuals & strengthens the entire community, ensuring a lasting impact for years to come.

Photos and Digital Clips

Please attach any photos or videos illustrating your work.

Mid-Year Photos and Digital Clips.docx

Verification

Name of Organizational Representative Completing Report*

Krista Williamson

Title of Organizational Representative*

Director of Development and Human Resources

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

Applicant File Uploads

- STV Detail 12.31.24.xlsx
- Mid-Year Photos and Digital Clips.docx

	Date	Transaction Type	Num
46500 Donated Rental Income			
	06/05/2024	Journal Entry	Daxko
	07/01/2024	Journal Entry	Daxko
	07/01/2024	Journal Entry	Daxko
	09/16/2024	Journal Entry	PR 9.20.28
	09/25/2024	Journal Entry	Daxko Rental
Total for 46500 Donated Rental Income			
Expenditures			
60300 Program Expenses			
60320 Program Supplies			
	08/21/2024	Expenditure	
	08/23/2024	Expenditure	
Total for 60320 Program Supplies			
60325 Program Gift Cards			
	08/22/2024	Expenditure	
Total for 60325 Program Gift Cards			
60331 Program Transportation			
	09/23/2024	Expenditure	
Total for 60331 Program Transportation			
60332 Program Food			
	06/16/2024	Expenditure	
	06/16/2024	Expenditure	
	09/06/2024	Bill	4243-082024
	10/04/2024	Bill	4243-102024
	11/14/2024	Bill	
	11/22/2024	Expenditure	
Total for 60332 Program Food			
Total for 60300 Program Expenses			
61000 Operating Expenses			
60044 Vehicle Gasoline			
	08/25/2024	Expenditure	
	08/25/2024	Expenditure	

Total for 60044 Vehicle Gasoline 60400 Dues / Registrations / Fees	09/23/2024	Expenditure
	08/11/2024	Expenditure
Total for 60400 Dues / Registrations / Fees	09/25/2024	Expenditure

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Statement of Activity Detail
January - December 2024

Name	Class
	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
Mr. John	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
Home Depot	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
Market District	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
U-Haul	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
Domino's	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
Domino's	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
Urban Strategies, Inc.*	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
Urban Strategies, Inc.*	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
Target	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
Sunoco	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
Sunoco	205 YOUTH PROGRAMMING

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Memo/Description	Split
Rental for Korteja Ferguson - STV	-Split-
Rental Fee Discount for Darlene Buckner STV	-Split-
Rental Fee Discount for Darronte Buckner - STV	-Split-
Daxko; Rental Fee for Madeline McGrady with STV Discount	-Split-
Daxko; Rental Fee for Donna Jackson with STV Discount	-Split-
STV Program support	21602 Credit Cards - PNC:PNC - Alexander Payton
Generator / STV	21602 Credit Cards - PNC:PNC - Alexander Payton
Gift cards for STV back to school	21602 Credit Cards - PNC:PNC - Alexander Payton
U-Haul for STV Trash Olympics	21602 Credit Cards - PNC:PNC - Alexander Payton
Pizza	21602 Credit Cards - PNC:PNC - Alexander Payton
Delivery for pizza	21602 Credit Cards - PNC:PNC - Alexander Payton
STV Food	20000 Checks Payable
STV Active Chefs	20000 Checks Payable
Food for Thanksgiving giveaway; Invoice #INV38696	20000 Checks Payable
Food for turkey giveaway	21605 Credit Cards - PNC:PNC - Dayna Jones
Gas for generator	21602 Credit Cards - PNC:PNC - Alexander Payton
Gas for generator	21602 Credit Cards - PNC:PNC - Alexander Payton

STV Trash Olympics

21602 Credit Cards - PNC:PNC - Alexander Payton

Permit for STV

21602 Credit Cards - PNC:PNC - Alexander Payton

STV Back to School Event

21602 Credit Cards - PNC:PNC - Alexander Payton

Amount

-100.00

-35.00

-200.00

-200.00

-3,850.00

-\$ 4,385.00

209.00

150.00

\$ 359.00

1,562.60

\$ 1,562.60

39.49

\$ 39.49

50.53

4.26

500.00

500.00

265.35

47.66

\$ 1,367.80

\$ 3,328.89

29.32

0.31

	20.02
\$	49.65

	25.84
	151.22
\$	177.06

Photos and Digital Clips

Please attach any photos or videos illustrating your work.

File Size Limit: 15 MB

Photos from events can be found within our monthly Newsletter.

<https://www.kingsleyassociation.org/blog>

Shop with a Cop

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/15W5sPpdhp/>

Thanksgiving

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/14BJpzf49G/>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1E6iGpExZw/>

Harvest Festival

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/14dtS1oznF/>

Back 2 School Weekend

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/RQrPzSkjVEnyC5NF/>

Garbage Olympics Larimer

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19jzR6a1K4/>

Safer Together Zone 5 - Consistent engagement with partners like RCOs and local police has led to better neighborhood safety and clarity on community concerns.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/Nf7K8yWodWewnE8X/>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/AYKqpU9MbxB7xSXM/>

Mural Collaboration - Teens created impactful art through collaborations with various partners.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/4KKimduJjevLekmV/>

YES Collaboration Trip to Detroit - Our youth gained valuable experiences and insights through a meaningful trip, broadening their perspectives.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1yH7U9cwPu3GoryN/>

Zone 5 Collaboration with Kyles Hope- The bomb squad visit provided teens with a unique learning opportunity and strengthened their relationship with law enforcement.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/VBU9wVLyMHsfGBYo/>

Tech Support with Northway Hub Learn & Earn Teens- *Teens developed tech skills and contributed to community engagement through flyer and poster creation.*

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/ofcLiYJQaPaZbNZ3/>

YES Violence Intervention Symposium - *Our youth were enlightened on violence prevention strategies, enhancing their understanding and involvement.*

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/NqQxjEhbtnFCCMMc/>

Juneteenth Collaboration with Trade Institute - *We supported community feedback collection for the city budget, ensuring our neighborhood's voice was represented.*

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/PbLBCuRALEZs8nD4/>