

ACADEMY FOR ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE (AAE)

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

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FollowUp Form

Quarter Three Activities Update

Greetings, STOP the Violence grantees!

As the City of Pittsburgh prepares to update our stakeholders on the impact of this process, we need to gather some evaluation-focused information about your programs. Please answer the following survey about your services and activities from the third quarter following receipt of your grant award.

Thank you!

Organization Name*

Please enter the name of your project/program in the box below.

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Did you spend any of your STOP the Violence grant funds during this period?*

Yes

How did you spend the funds?*

Please check all categories that apply.

Program Supplies

General Operations

If you chose "other", please describe.

Tell us how many people your organization/group served from the following age groups during this period.

Ages 0-17*

2

Ages 18-30*

5

Ages 30+*

4

Programs and Services*

Provide a brief description of any programs or services your organization or group provided in alignment with your STOP the Violence proposal.

Our staff worked for 4 months to refine the Rites of Passage behavioral health project and upload it to the creative learning platform. On September 28th, we implemented the weekly Rites of Passage- Violence Intervention & Prevention (ROP-VIP) in-person workshops & activities with 9 young adults and 2 teenagers. Our opening orientation included Self-Knowledge Assessments (pg. 78) & Self-identification Monologues (pg. 81); Journaling (Rites of Passage Personal Journals). We enrolled 3 men (ages 19, 23 and 25), 4 young ladies (ages 20, 23, 23 & 25), and 1 transgender woman (age 22). Four of the participants are enrolled in college therefore we were able to integrate the "Making Math Masters (3M)" Math and Reading tutorial program into the online and in-person workshops and facilitate peer to peer tutoring with participants. The Rites of Passage workshops include socio-cultural development and Mental Health Counseling sessions with faculty.

Did you partner with any other organizations or groups during this period?*

No

Did your organization intentionally engage officers from the Pittsburgh Police during this period?*

No

Did you use STOP the Violence logos in marketing and media (social or traditional)?*

Yes

Give a brief description of your STOP the Violence during this period*

We conducted weekly Rites of Passage violence prevention workshops in accordance with our outlined schedule of activities and based on each participant's developmental and self knowledge assessments. Notably, during the first quarter of the program we encountered three of the young adults in distress and having mental health crises. One of the 23 year olds was struggling with his sexuality, alcoholism and homelessness; the 22 year old trans girl reported suffering from a traumatic history of physical, sexual and mental abuse, was kicked out of her home and resorted to prostitution to survive. And another young lady was suffering from severe anxiety due to numerous encounters with the police after suffering from an abusive relationship. Our work continues to center all of the participants on the goals of creating and embracing new positive identities and trauma remediation.

Is your organization planning any public activities in the next few months?*

No

If "yes", please provide a brief description.

Does your organization need capacity-building support?*

No

On what areas of focus would you like your capacity-building support?

Share Your Stories*

Upload a clip or provide text to share one or more specific stories (please avoid using full names of clients/participants) that illustrates the impact of your work.

The 23 year old struggling with his sexuality, alcoholism, and homelessness was referred to the Resolve Center to help with his severe anxiety and later rejoined the weekly activities. We did manage to get housing for both he and the aforementioned, however the 22 year old trans girl continues to suffer from post traumatic stress from sexual and mental abuse, being kicked out of her home and after being forced into self-reliance, she resorted to prostitution to survive. The other young lady who was suffering from severe anxiety also sought help at the Resolve Crisis Center. Another young man was asked to leave his home due to continued defiance of his parents wishes and we were able to assist him with obtaining housing and training as well.

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

No files were uploaded