

Reimagine Reentry, Inc.

*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.

Staff Compensation (including benefits)

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*

0

Ages 18-30*

29

Ages 30+*

73

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.

We have continued to provide our Reentry Coaching services in alignment with our STOP the Violence proposal. Our Reentry Coaching Team is currently serving over 99 returning citizen clients, with a recidivism rate of 5.1%. Additionally, our Coaching Team has continued to refine our model to best serve our clientele. Recently, the Team altered the overall programmatic goal to helping clients achieve self-empowerment, as this is inherently strengths based and promotes agency while also remaining goal-oriented. Our Coaches help clients build their self-empowerment over time by working with them to identify strengths, evaluate options, and determine personal values and aspirations. We want our clients to know that they have influence and control over their own lives and to see their strengths as a means to achieving their goals. We are currently building a means of evaluating self-empowerment and plan to utilize both qualitative and quantitative measures.

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

Yes

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)?*

No

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

Our Reentry Coaching Program has continued to see success, with our main form of violence prevention being reducing recidivism. Since our last report, our recidivism rate has decreased from 7.7% to 5.1% among active clients. We attribute this success to the holistic approach of our Coaching Model, as well as the recent hiring of a part-time therapist to head our Mental Health Program. This individual has contributed a great deal to our Reentry Coaching Program and the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) workforce development program. We additionally have begun our 11th cohort of MC3 with 12 students who are slated to graduate on November 12th and will continue working with us through our Coaching Program. Our programs address the Social Determinants of Health, which have a large impact on an someone's likelihood to commit crimes or violence, by addressing issues of employment, housing, transportation, and mental health.

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?*

Yes

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

Fundraising

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.

In February we had a client who participated in the 10th Cohort of our workforce development program, the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum, after attending a presentation by our Reentry Coaching Team at Alpha House, where he was staying. This client took the initiative himself to follow up with the Coaching Team after the presentation to learn more about our services and it turned out MC3 was a great fit. Despite being very eager to start the program, he was initially very quiet and did not engage much during the classes. However, over time he came out of his shell so much that he ended up being the valedictorian of his class. He additionally received an award for perfect attendance. This was particularly impressive as he faced a great tragedy in the middle of the cohort when his sister, who was living in a different state, was killed. The Coaching Team was concerned that this tragedy may interfere with his sobriety journey, particularly because this client is not originally from Pittsburgh and did not have a local support system. However, this client used this horrific event as motivation to remain sober and finish out the cohort. The staff at Alpha House was so impressed by his commitment to the program that they came to support him at graduation as his family was unable to attend.

This client found the cohort effect to be particularly impactful and even moved in with a member of his cohort. He was able to obtain a job following graduation but had to quit due to medical issues. In place of obtaining employment, he instead attending a program through Auberle and was very successful.

More recently, he and his roommate, also a client of Reimagine, began having issues that were causing this client to feel violent towards his roommate. Our Reentry Coaching Team was able to mitigate this situation and work together as a team to help remove this client from the living situation in order to prevent any violence from occurring, which likely would have resulted in this client recidivating. This client is now back in a rehab facility and our Coaching Team has been checking in regularly and is prepared to assist him upon his release.

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

No files were uploaded