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*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)

Consultants

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*

36

Ages 30+*

229

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.

1. Provided immediate support (transportation, ID, furniture, clothing, toiletries, etc.)
2. Obtain life-sustaining employment; We do provide support for folks looking for employment We provided 54 people with employment counseling and bus passes for anyone needing assistance getting to and from work.
3. Obtain safe, affordable permanent housing; Provided housing counseling to 79 people and rental assistance for 51 and Utility assistance to 11 people.
4. Match with a one-on-one mentor; No one during this period. As explained in the mid-year report, FOH faced issues outside of its control (staff illnesses and changes to funding) which impacted its ability to provide community-based mentoring.
5. Avoid recidivism. By meeting people's basic needs and helping them with long term goals, it is a proven fact the recidivism decreases. As people re-entering society find their footing, they also begin contributing to society which in turn decreases violent activity.

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*

Individuals who participate in HOPE Aftercare programming are significantly less likely to recidivate or commits acts of violence because they have the tangible and social supports needed to make positive changes in their choices and achieve housing, financial and social stability. Impact analyses conducted by the Allegheny County Jail Collaborative indicate that Re-Entry/Aftercare Programs, like those offered by Foundation of HOPE, reduce re-arrest among participants and prolong time to re-arrest, particularly after the first 90 days post-release; indicating that initial and continued program efforts to stabilize participants are effective. Specifically, analysis indicates that participation in reentry programs reduces the probability of re-arrest by 24%

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?

Financial Management/Accounting

Fundraising

Marketing

Social Media

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.**

Avid PIRC (Positive Initiative to Reinforce Change) group member Tony had contacted our Peer Support Specialist when he was in crisis during the holiday season back in December. Having a schizophrenia diagnosis as well as substance abuse issues, Tony remains very vulnerable to his environment and has found himself in and out of jail so consistently that it has begun to feel like a normal way of life to him. The Peer Support Specialist and another staff member were not only able to locate Tony while he was in crisis, but successfully take him back to the recovery house at which he had been staying.

Unfortunately, as stated, Tony consistently finds himself in and out of jail as a result of his diagnosis and not having proper and consistent access to his medications. About six weeks after we'd found Tony, he called us from the Allegheny County Jail. Tony expressed intense anxiety and unsettlement about his upcoming hearing and asked if the two aforementioned staff members could be there for support. We agreed that while we certainly would love for our presence to have a positive impact on the outcome of Tony's hearing, our primary goal was to just be a familiar face in the room. However, our presence and the general plan we had set forth for Tony was extremely well received by his legal council and the judge himself. The hearing resulted in the charges being withdrawn. When we asked the public defender what made them decide to go that route, he stated, "it goes a long way when community members show up for these things". We continue to work with Tony to help him make positive decisions and support him as needed.

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

No files were uploaded