

## YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh - Level Up

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

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# FollowUp Form

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## *Quarter Three Activities Update*

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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)

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\*

85

### Ages 18-30\*

0

### Ages 30+\*

0

## 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.

The Homewood Brushton YMCA provided two violence intervention programs with a STEAM bent for youth ages 13 - 19: Job Skills Training and Creating Peace. Both of these programs ran for 12 two-hour sessions. Sixteen youth graduated from Job Skills program and twelve students from Creating Peace. These programs included many hands-on elements including resume writing; creating a life budget; creating a strategic life map and plan to achieve goals; filling out application forms and other legal documents; bystander intervention and activism; and artistic expressions of identity as they navigate who they want to be in the future.

The Y also partnered with PA Cyber to provide a week-long Engineering Camp from 9a - 3p that involved engaging youth ages 14-18 with community members about the installation of a Chimney Swift Tower.

Finally, the Y held summer camp for 73 campers from Homewood-Brushton and provided STEAM enrichment to 45 campers from the Y's Penn Hills summer camp.

## 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?\*

Yes

## 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\*

The Homewood Brushton YMCA held an extremely successful "Youth Violence Seminar," hosting multiple guest speakers, including Councilman Mosey, who addressed the critical importance of conflict resolution. Each speaker shared personal stories of challenges they have faced. Additionally, police officers engaged with the youth, offering their unique perspectives on conflict from a law enforcement standpoint.

The evening also featured special activities, such as horse rides in the parking lot. The event closed with everyone joining together to share food, expanding the sense of community.

Additionally, during the seminar, it became clear how vital it is for Y staff to be well-equipped in conflict resolution. The Y is committed to providing all staff with training in this area to ensure that our organization remains a safe and supportive space for the community.

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

Yes

### **If "yes", please provide a brief description.**

The Homewood YMCA Level Up program will hold another seminar, Youth Stop the Violence Seminar: Part 2 on November 6, 2024 to continue the discussion of equipping youth with the essential skills needed for conflict resolution and violence prevention.

### **Does your organization need capacity-building support?\***

Yes

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

Board Recruitment/Board Development

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.**

Third Quarter Survey - Phtot Attachment.pdf

Please see attached photos taken during Homewood Brushton YMCA's "Youth Violence Seminar."

## File Attachment Summary

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### *Applicant File Uploads*

- Third Quarter Survey - Phtot Attachment.pdf

**HOMewood BRUSHTON YMCA'S  
YOUTH VIOLENCE SEMINAR  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**









