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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)

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*

100

Ages 18-30*

200

Ages 30+*

100

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.

Meetings and Workshops
After school Programs
Food Voucher Programs

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*

We engaged families in workshops and meetings targeted at food access in the community. We engaged youth in afterschool, sports and mentoring programs . We provided gift cards for food vouchers. We engaged residents in attending community meetings with various community based organizations in order to engage them in community and economic development activities, plan and sponsor within the community.

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

Yes

If "yes", please provide a brief description.

November 19th, there will be a community meeting and workshop aimed at educating residents on the purpose of community cooperatives and the establishment of the community cooperative grocery store. We are also planning a disbursement of free turkeys.

Does your organization need capacity-building support?*

Yes

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

Fundraising
Marketing

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 the face of challenges and setbacks, our community sports development initiative has achieved remarkable success, positively impacting the lives of over 100 children and their families. Last year, we encountered a significant hurdle when our traditional football league was unable to operate. However, our commitment to providing sports opportunities for local youth remained unwavering. In response, we decided to participate in flag football, ensuring that our young athletes could continue to enjoy the sport and its benefits. While flag football was a good alternative, we noticed that interest in contact football was dying. The league we were previously associated with showed signs of instability and seemed as if it was going to end. This situation presented a new challenge, but we got the opportunity to participate in a new sports league which turned out to be successful and also gave us the opportunity to add the girls to our program to conduct cheerleading activities as we entered into a league comprising two divisions and 16 teams. This gave us a more diverse and engaging environment for our youths.

One of the most rewarding aspects of our program was its ability to cater to a wide age range of children. We welcomed participants from as young as 5 years old up to 12 years of age. This age range allowed us to nurture talent and instill positive values from an early age, while also providing guidance and structure for our youth. Many of these children would not have had the opportunity to participate in youth sports or any structured summer programs without this initiative. By providing this access, we opened doors to physical activity, teamwork, and personal development that might otherwise have remained closed. Perhaps the most significant outcome of our sports development program has been its positive impact on community safety. We observed a notable reduction in violence within our community, attributing this improvement largely to the engagement of youth in constructive, supervised activities. The program not only kept children off the streets and away from potential negative influences but also instilled values such as discipline, respect, and cooperation. These qualities, developed through sports, translated into improved behavior and attitudes in other areas of the children's lives.

Our community recently celebrated its first Father's Day Kickball Event, which turned out to be pretty successful. This event provided a unique opportunity for children and their fathers from across the city to bond through various engaging activities, fostering connections and creating lasting memories. The Father's Day Kickball Event featured a variety of fun activities designed to appeal to families. Children participated in jewelry-making sessions, face painting, and enjoyed the dunk tanks. Additionally, we had the local police set up gaming stations equipped with PS5 consoles and other electronic gaming options, allowing kids and dads to engage in friendly competition. Raffles for Father's Day gift baskets added an exciting element to the day, ensuring that everyone left with a smile. The centerpiece of the event was a kickball game that split the mothers and children against fathers. This friendly competition not only encouraged physical activity but also allowed families to cheer for one another, enhancing the sense of community. The event was more than just a day of fun; it served as an important opportunity for fathers and children to strengthen their relationships.

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

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