

## Center of Life

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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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## Question Group

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### Organization Name\*

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

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*Based on the outcomes outlined in your STOP the Violence proposal and your submitted goal sheets, respond to the following prompts about your organizational/program activities **from the time your organization or group received the grant funds through the first 60 days.***

### Violence Prevention Logos\*

Did your group or organization use one of the Violence Prevention logos programming or marketing efforts?

Yes

### LOGO USE\*

If "yes", where did the logo(s) appear? Check all that apply.

Organization/Group Website

### Printed Materials

If you used a logo in printed materials, please upload a document in which it was used.

### Community Engagement\*

Did your organization or group attend any community meetings related to your STOP the Violence grant work?

Yes

### Public Safety Council\*

Did your organization or group attend a meeting of your Police Zone's Public Safety Council?

Yes

### **Elected Officials\***

Did your organization or group intentionally engage in any interaction with elected officials?

Yes

### **Interaction with Elected Officials\***

If you answered "yes", did your organization/group document the interaction? If so, how?

Type "N/A" if your organization or group did not have any interactions.

Yes, COL regularly documents all meetings through the use of detailed notes and follow-ups with internal staff members.

### **City Training Events\***

Did your organization or group participate in any training events organized by the City?

No

### **REACH Engagement\***

Did your organization or group engaged with any REACH street outreach team members?

No

### **Engagement with Pittsburgh Police\***

Did your organization or group intentionally engaged with any officers from the Pittsburgh Police?

Yes

### **Scheduled Interactions with Pittsburgh Police**

Did your organization schedule any opportunities for participants to interact positively with the Pittsburgh Police?

Yes

### **Safer Together\***

Did your organization or group engage in a conversation with your Zone's "SaferTogether" Coordinator?

No

## Upcoming Events\*

Is your organization or group planning an upcoming event, activity, or engagement that City representatives may participate in or publicize?

Yes

## Upcoming Events -- Additional Information

If "yes", please provide a link to the information and/or upload any appropriate announcements/marketing materials.

Our plans for a Hazelwood-based event are forthcoming in conjunction with the Monongahela-Marsden Block Association. Leon Ford will be our Keynote speaker. We are currently finalizing details and will publish them when available, and inform our STV partners about the event.

## PROGRESS\*

Please provide an update on the progress of your program or project, as outlined in your proposal and goal sheets.

Many members of COL staff have been trained on mental health first aid. Our on-site therapist's contract was extended, providing families and youth with a vital resource. Our partnership with Steel Smiling's Beams to Bridges program was completed.

## IMPACT\*

Please describe the impact of your program or project on violence in your neighborhood(s).

Our daily, on-site programs provide safe spaces to students, families, and community members. Through our lessons on de-escalation of violence, we had very few instances of violence in our programs throughout summer programming.

## Share Your Stories

Share any stories that illustrate your progress or significant milestones in your project, program, or organization.

Feel free to provide any links to social media posts or to upload flyers or other promotional materials.

Over the past year, COL made it a point to bolster its Volunteer Program. One woman who came to our offices to deliver food to families was desperate for volunteer hours. We learned that she needed the hours to complete a program related to her past criminal issues. Quickly, the woman became erratic for no apparent reason and began to berate our staff members, but because our staff was trained on de-escalation, we were able to calm the woman down and offer her outside resources, so that instances like this will become less frequent in her future.



## File Attachment Summary

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### *Applicant File Uploads*

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