

Pittsburgh Hardball Academy After School Program

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

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FollowUp Form

Question Group

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?

No

LOGO USE*

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

N/A

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?

No

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.

We have had continued conversations with the Chief of Staff, Wheatly, and Director Vargas regarding baseball programming in Pittsburgh. We are working together to strengthen the partnership between the City, PPS, and our organization to benefit kids in the region via baseball programming.

In addition, we have had positive interactions with the teams of Council Member Mosley and Strassburger over the past few months.

City Training Events*

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

Yes

REACH Engagement*

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

Yes

Engagement with Pittsburgh Police*

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

No

Scheduled Interactions with Pittsburgh Police

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

No

Safer Together*

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

Yes

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.

We are planning a baseball tournament on the weekend of September 27- 29, where we will have kids from the city and diverse kids from other cities coming to town to play. We are working with Director Vargas and Alexis Walker on this event. We will share additional details as soon as we have them.

PROGRESS*

Please provide an update on the progress of your program or project, as outlined in your proposal and goal sheets, through January 31.

Goal 1: We successfully achieved Goal 1 by hiring a full-time Youth and Community Engagement Coordinator as planned.

Goal 2: We are progressing well towards completing Goal 2, with a soft launch scheduled for September 2024.

IMPACT*

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

Staffing is complete, which allows us to grow the organization. The after-school program starts in September, our current activities and partnerships are already laying the groundwork for reducing violence through structured support and mentoring.

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.

Our summer season was a significant success, with the facility operating daily and offering a safe environment for youth. A key highlight was the successful hiring of Demetrius Haskins as our Youth and Community Engagement Coordinator. Demetrius, a diverse candidate from the very communities we aim to support, has been instrumental in bridging gaps and fostering stronger connections with local youth. His deep understanding of the community's needs and his dedication to our mission have already started making a positive impact. His role has not only enhanced our engagement efforts but also reinforced our commitment to serving and uplifting the neighborhoods we work in.

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

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