



THE TABLE INTERIM REPORT VI

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Organization

Brief description

- Guia Mentoring
- For-profit organization

- Harmony in the Streets
- For-profit organization

- Impact NW
- Non-profit organization

Mission

Overview of the work

- Mentoring youth and young adults, in navigating a positive connection through prosocial activities with members of our community, while embracing our diversity and culture. Our mission is to break the gang cycles and reduce the gun violence in our communities.

- Harmony Music introduces NE Portland youth impacted by gun violence to a professional career in the music industry and skills in the music business so they can become mitigators of violence and keep themselves safe and off the streets. We offer a different and better path young people through being able to make and sell music as a business.

- To prevent homelessness by partnering with people as they navigate their journey to stability and opportunity. Impact NW is on the front lines of the homelessness crisis and pandemic recovery. We provide services from early childhood, to youth & family, to housing safety nets, to seniors, to Slavic community to meet needs as they arise.

Needs

Financial and other needs

- Business advice to form a 501c3, general operating funds, project funding.

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- Impact NW is on the front lines of the homelessness crisis and pandemic recovery. The organization needs individual financial support now, more than ever.

Impact

What is the potential for impact

- Reduce violence by providing an alternative positive environment featuring sports activities, individual mentoring and personal engagement.

- Keep at-risk kids out of gangs, feeling good about themselves, able to see a future out of a gang, and that they can have their own business by being a DJ or involved in music production. I want to help kids with yet another program in the future where they get rewarded for each book the student reads. His son is a really good kid; no temper issues at school – a respectful kid. If you put the same parenting into other kids, we'd have more fewer kids in gangs, etc.

- Impact NW's services are unique in the community in that we are the largest, most comprehensive organization in the region dedicated to the mission of preventing homelessness. Across all our services, we prevent homelessness by partnering with thousands of people in danger of losing their housing.

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Rising Stars PDX



So Denays



POPS Clothing

Organization

Brief description

- Rising Stars PDX
- Non-profit organization

- So Denays Bath and Body Essentials LLC
- For-profit Organization

- POPS Clothing
- For-profit organization

Mission

Overview of the work

- Rising Stars PDX was formed to provide a positive social atmosphere for Inner-city youth, both boys and girls, to help navigate the adolescent years of their lives.

- Providing women of all ages with the vision and path for a career in the beauty industry with a steady stream of income, elevate entire families, especially those impacted by gun violence. We promote healthy careers for women in skin, body and hair care by providing training, entrepreneurship, and employment opportunities in the field.

- POPS Clothing--People of Purpose and Structure--is a clothing brand to champion fathers, in particular single fathers, with informational literacy, programs and resources so they can be the best fathers they can be for their children.

Needs

Financial and other needs

- Project funding to hold youth basketball camps and programs.

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Impact

What is the potential for impact

- Rising Stars PDX hopes for continued involvement of the kids once the current program is completed. A personal goal is to see six kids in the current program go on to play basketball in college.

- That women feel that they are heard, respected, and successful so that they can in turn teach others. Ultimately want to find a building to house a nonprofit to employ some of the women who are 18 and older in this and future programs plus girls starting at age 12.

- Reduce the stigma of single fatherhood by highlighting fathers and their roles in families in particular in urban areas.

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SUMMARY OF ALL RESPONSES



Respondents	Community Members	Gov Orgs	Non Gov Orgs
Suggested actionable steps	3	1	3
Suggested long term steps	3	1	3
Have previously or are working to reduce gun violence	3	1	3
Commits to peace in Portland	3	1	3

• Response data collected during and after The Table in interviews and via Google forms representing a total of 17 respondents.

Contextual, raw data as appeared unedited in responses.

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When you think about Pastor Matt's comments what is at the heart of the issue for you regarding gun violence and community safety in Portland?

Make AR 15 type weapons and weapons that are automatic with a magazine of more than 10 illegal
In equality in education, access to financial resources, racism
Truly identifying the issues that lead to any form of violence that is used to resolve a conflict
I think that at the heart of the gun violence is the need for basic needs being met and for opportunities being offered in a equitable way.
At the heart of the issues is the human cost and the impact it has in further dissolving a sense of community
spot on
I believe the root is lack of communication skills and lack of understanding of others and unable to understand consequences of one's actions.

What are the immediate, actionable steps we can take right now to aid in the reduction of gun violence? What organizations do you know which are doing this work and how can we contact them?

More in the police force; change laws in Portland to make certain current misdemeanors felonies.
Supporting Community Passageways and Detective Cookie in Seattle
Set goals with community & develop a plan to with community and law makers.
Public outreach
While the people component is important, understanding the role the environment in gun violence is important. From a policing perspective, the Portland Police Bureau needs to conduct Place Network Investigations. I would reach out to Dr. Tamar Her
talking to one another, violence reduction will need more communication between all
I believe what is needed is a moral code that we can all (at least a majority) agree upon, thus I'm an advocate for The Way to Happiness. I'm happy to send you a copy, just let me know you'd like to read it, so you know what I'm talking about. That is why

What are long term actions we can take?

Hopefully the change in form of Portland government will help
Equal access to housing, jobs, education
Set goals with community & develop a plan to with community and law makers.
changes in gun policies and education
We need to invest in the community in basic human needs to include education and work.
Regular session between all. Where is the Pdx police as they need to be part of this table
See my answer above.

Have you been involved in past or present work to reduce gun violence? If so, what barriers did you encounter? What resources do you need to be successful?

Education through discussion groups, advocating for legislation that increase mental health resources, police accountability
Yes. Funding getting to the organizations doing the work.
Not directly
Yes. As a police executive the biggest barrier was in pulling all stakeholders to the table and keeping them involved.
working on Peace through our Rotary.
I work with Lionel Irving/Love is Stronger and Coach Alex Clay. Lionel has a custom cover on The Way to Happiness and we have been attending the street fairs with him and passing out the booklet, giving it freely. This last Sunday w

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Who would you suggest be involved in order for change to happen?

More groups which are working on change should work together

More involvement of marginalized communities in policy decisions and actions.

Bishop John R, Darren Golden, Kimberely Dixon

I think it needs to be a multi faceted approach from government, public servants, faith based organizations, and the community itself

Other major stakeholders such as major employers and educators (from the public schools and university leaders).

PPB and some one from the Government. Local.

Lionel has lots of relationships in the community. I believe that actual surveys need to be done throughout the various communities to determine what people believe is needed. Asking people, face-to-face about what they need will give us the correct c

Are you willing to commit to building peace in Portland, and if so, what does that look like for you?

Yes.

Yes, being a safe and happy place to live and be in a community with your family

Yes. Conflict at its heart comes out of hopelessness. We must offer opportunities for a prosperous and meaningful life for all.

Not a Pdx resident but feels close to the community

Of course. I want to work to improve drug education for the youth and the spread The Way to Happiness book on any avenue I can find.

What topics would you like to cover or questions to be asked in the next The Table event?

How would the organizations be able to work with and support each other

Proven, evidence based strategies between community and government that have reduced gun violence in other communities.

more Communication and listening session. Show us if there has been any improvements

I want to understand how gangs work and how it is that killing someone is the solution to a problem. I have no idea how this would even be organized for a Table meeting, but there is something the shooter is trying to so