





I'd like to highlight how the Black resilience fund has significantly helped support myself and my single mother since the impact of COVID-19. We both applied and received funds within 6 weeks! I was able to pay our phone bills and she paid car insurance for the month.

My mama is currently unemployed and has recently been diagnosed with a mental illness. I've been supporting her mentally and emotionally for years, and now reached a point where I'm able to pay for her car insurance while enrolled full time in school. Thank you for the abundance of support, it has been a blessing and I will continue to hold gratitude for this fund.

Thank you!! Xoxo



SHY'REL, BLACK RESILIENCE FUND RECIPIENT



I am an essential worker required to work during quarantine, am currently raising my great nephew whom I have had since he was 2 days old. Child care went up so much once the quarantine started I have been struggling to keep up, this \$300 dollars helped cover a week and a half of that expense. Thank you for the help.

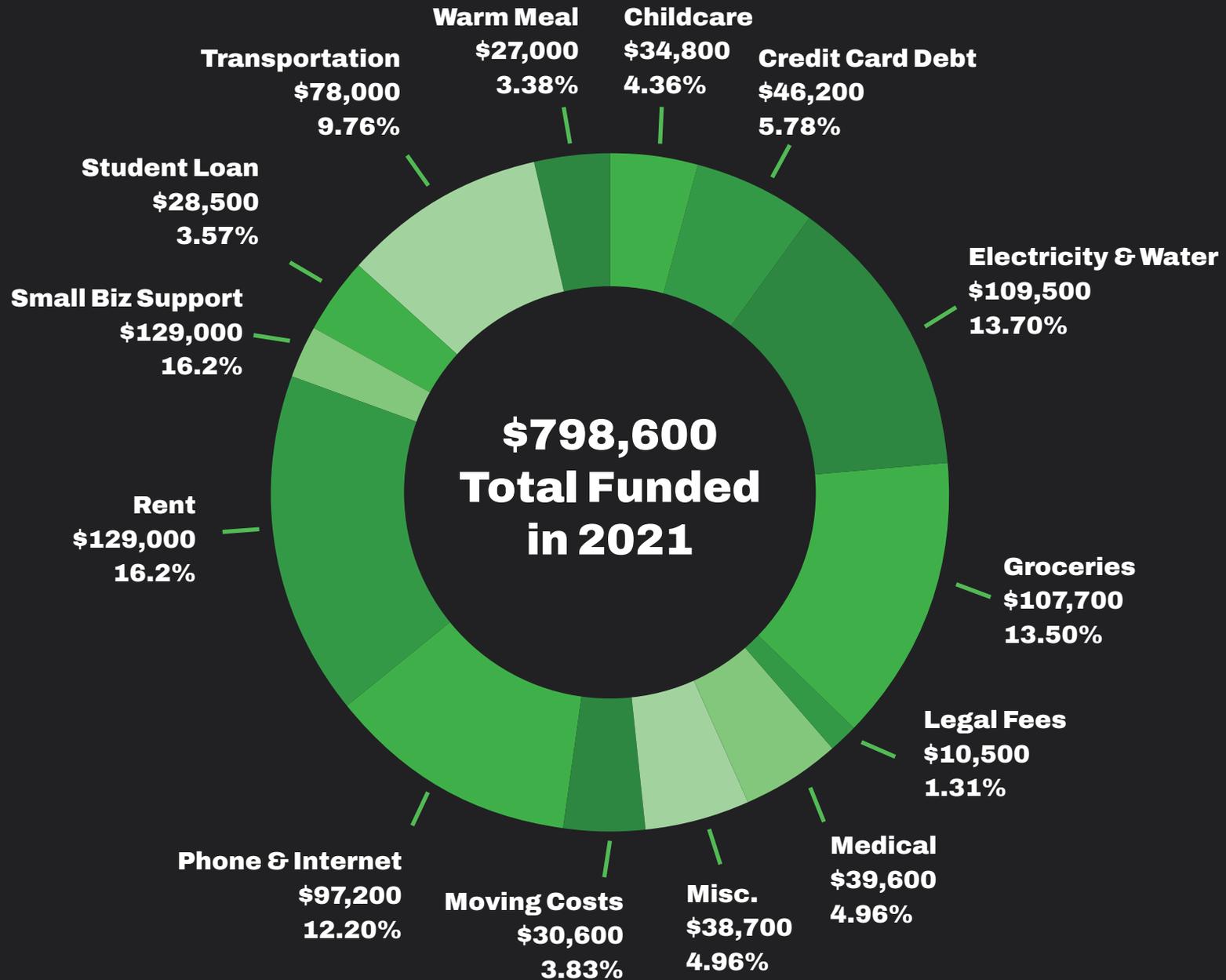
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Together We Are Powerful

- **\$414,000+ Raised**
- **1, 569 + Individual Donations**
- **Funded 656 Black Portlanders**
- **160+ local businesses participated in the 2021 Juneteenth campaign**
- **Black Resilience Mutual Aid has become a standalone program and rebranded to Solidarity Squad!**
- **Solidarity Squad completed its first car donation to a community member**
- **NPR spotlight on the Black Resilience Fund: “Portland Activists Built Resilience Fund Inspired By Racial Justice Protests”**



Impact By The Numbers



Resilience Is Transformative Change

Racism was never a topic of discussion when I was a kid. Being born and raised in Portland, it wasn't until 2003, when Kendra James was killed by Portland Police, that I experienced my first taste for justice. I was 15 at the time, and I remember marching in protest with a large group of Black Portlanders through North Portland. Even after that experience I felt lost and confused, not knowing who I could talk to or how I could make a difference. But, that experience sparked my interest in giving back and helping people in my community.

I started volunteering at local nonprofits, and I saw this surprising dynamic, the organizations I volunteered at were predominantly white led– but most of the recipients were people of color. Since I was usually the only Black person volunteering, I could see my presence providing many of our community members with a sense of connection and relief.

These experiences ultimately led me to Black Resilience Fund. I began by delivering food boxes to Black families and then became an Intaker, interviewing and approving BRF applicants for funding. This was the first organization I've worked for where my identity as a Black person has been elevated and celebrated. Being able to come to work exactly as you are, with no pressure to change for the job, is just beautiful. Every day, I've witnessed vision being transformed into action, transparent leadership, and the ability to be vulnerable without shame. It is a feeling I cannot fully put in words, but I know that being part of this community is teaching me to become the best person I can be.

I will be forever grateful for my life changing experience with the Black Resilience Fund.

**With Gratitude,
Yndiah Holley
Black Resilience Fund Manager**

About Black Resilience Fund

Our Mission:

Black Resilience Fund is dedicated to fostering healing and resilience by providing immediate and direct financial assistance to Black Portlanders.

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About Brown Hope

Our Mission:

Brown Hope is planting and nurturing seeds for racial justice. We uplift, connect, and celebrate Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities to inspire our collective healing.

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