I tested positive for the virus during Ramadan. I am a single mom who has a lot of mouths to feed. Black Resilience Fund helped me pay for my bills and I am really thankful.

IDHILL, BRF RECIPIENT
When Covid hit, I went from working two part time jobs to being without a job... Just when I was ready to throw in the towel, the Black Resilience Fund reminded me to keep fighting and that someone else cares.
TOGETHER WE ARE POWERFUL

» $1,981,000+ raised
» 17,600+ individual donations
» Funded 4,800+ Black Portlanders across five counties and counting
» 4,000 grocery boxes delivered to more than 1,500 households
» Launched emergency food relief partnership with Hood to Coast
» Launched Black Resilience Fund recipient survey
OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

$1,172,869.81
TOTAL FUNDED

- Groceries: $451,960.00
- Small Biz Support: $84,950.00
- Child Care: $2,800.00
- Phone & Internet: $66,319.85
- Student Loan: $74,849.57
- Medical: $24,050.00
- Warm Meal: $47,974.50
- Moving Costs: $34,000.00
- Legal Fees: $1,300.00
- Miscellaneous: $22,091.00
- Rent: $319,642.85
- Credit Card: $24,580.00
- Transportation: $27,303.85
- Electric & Water: $290,898.19
- Medical: $24,050.00
- Black Resilience Fund
WHY BLACK RESILIENCE FUND WAS FOUNDED

Our nation is grappling with the storms of a global pandemic, headline after headline of suffering, and centuries of unresolved injustice. Our systems are so broken. Where do we even begin fixing them?

To us, the answer is clear. We start by taking care of our neighbors.

Last month we founded the Black Resilience Fund to foster healing for our community. We provide immediate relief from financial burdens for Black Portlanders, helping with a warm meal, groceries, or an unpaid bill.

The novel coronavirus has sent shockwaves through our community, and Black Portlanders are some of the hardest hit due to the ongoing impacts of gentrification, police brutality, and economic violence. We are living through an unprecedented, challenging time.

But even in the most difficult moments we can rise up, work together, and make a difference.

By supporting the Black Resilience Fund, we are fighting for Black financial freedom. We empower our neighbors by providing resources quickly, judgment free, and trusting that they know what they need to live their best lives.

We are building an inclusive movement that embraces our beautiful Black diaspora. We welcome elders, immigrants, LGBTQ2S+, multiracial, all shades and shapes of Black, because we all have the right to exist and thrive.

Thanks to your support, the Black Resilience Fund raised more than $1,000,000 in less than 30 days. We've built a mutual aid network with over 300 volunteers to deliver food boxes, complete home repairs, and more. Already we've seen the real and immediate impact we've made in the lives of hundreds of Black Portlanders.

We are living in the era of 'I Can't Breathe,' and yet we've witnessed powerful stories of resilience from neighbors we've directly helped. Our actions are showing the entire country what healing can look like.

The work is far from over— but you have given us renewed belief in exactly how much is possible.

Together, we can be the breath of fresh air we need to foster hope, resilience, and healing.

With Gratitude,

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Co-Founders, Black Resilience Fund

RESILIENCE IS TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE

I recognized at a young age that there was a deep and long overdue need for transformative change.

I would ask myself, “would there ever be a day when we all, as a society, would see our collective humanity more than our differences?”

As I’ve grown into adulthood, headlines continue to depict the ugly and senseless oppression that Black communities have endured for generations. However, in the past few months I’ve been struck by the solidarity of Portlanders from all backgrounds to fight courageously for transformative change.

The late Reverend Dr. Howard Therman spoke of the relationship between hope, faith, and love as the forces vital to the healing our world so desperately needs. I’m not certain when we will see the day of truly lived equality, but I believe love is the antidote to division and hate.

Our daily actions are the only hope we have to find relief from the pain of systemic oppression. Our work has just begun, and by standing on the shoulders of our ancestors, we must commit to resilience.

The Black Resilience Fund has shown that by hoping for a better future, strangers can become neighbors. And through that profound connection of love, we can mobilize for transformative change— even in the most uncertain of times.

With Gratitude,

Alexander T. McPherson
Black Resilience Fund Program Manager
OUR MISSION:
Black Resilience Fund is an emergency fund dedicated to healing and resilience by providing immediate resources to Black Portlanders.

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ABOUT BROWN HOPE

OUR MISSION:
Brown Hope leads community-grounded initiatives to make justice a lived experience for Black, Brown, and Indigenous people in Oregon.

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The Black Resilience Fund is a formal program of Brown Hope, a 501(c)3 charitable nonprofit.
We need **healing**.
We need **justice**.
And that requires **action**.