RESILIENCE FUND
BLACK
A LASTING VISION FOR COMMUNITY
30 DAY IMPACT REPORT | 09.01.2020
I have been trying to get through each day with no job, and unemployment is like hitting the lottery. With the help of the Fund I was able to get a glimpse of light. That is so desperately needed.

MALCOLM, BRF RECIPIENT
This is the very first time in my 70 years here on earth that someone told me 'to qualify for funding all I had to do was be Black.' That alone made my day. It may not be a lot of money for some folk, but to me it meant the world. God bless you all!!

OLIVIA, BRF RECIPIENT
$1,650,000+ raised

15,900+ individual donations

100% volunteer-driven by more than 300 volunteers

Funded 3,100+ Black Portlanders across five counties and counting

150 recipients of mutual aid services and items, including: clothing, appliances, mattresses, and yard work

2,590 grocery boxes delivered to more than 1,393 households

A National Movement for Resilience Webinar on September 17: RSVP HERE
OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

$962,969.81 TOTAL FUNDED

- RENT $214,542.85
- PHONE & INTERNET $44,719.85
- SMALL BIZ SUPPORT $49,850.00
- STUDENT LOAN $48,149.57
- MOVING COSTS $24,700.00
- WARM MEAL $26,674.50
- LEGAL FEES $700.00
- CHILD CARE $2,500.00
- ELECTRIC & WATER $190,798.19
- MEDICAL $18,650.00
- TRANSPORTATION $21,303.85
- CREDIT CARD $15,280.00
- GROceries $288,060.00
- MISCELLANEOUS $17,041.00
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

WHY WE CHOSE RESILIENCE

We are living during a time of so much hate, upset, and uncertainty in our world. I’ve been heartbroken from witnessing injustice after injustice, and because of the pandemic, I felt overwhelmingly disconnected. I wanted to find a way to plug in and support my local community, but I didn’t know where to start.

Fortunately, I found the Black Resilience Fund. As an intaker, I help my neighbors get the support they need. I listen to their stories. I’ve cried with mothers who are mourning a loss in their families. I’ve laughed with babies popping up in Zoom chats. And I’ve discovered new Black businesses to support once they’ve reopened their doors.

We provide financial support, but sometimes support looks like just seeing Black Portlanders— and accepting them without judgment.

I’m amazed with all the services the Fund provides. Immediate funding, groceries, meals and other supports like yard work. Every day is an opportunity to show the community that we love them, support them, and they are not alone in this journey.

I know we’re expected to talk about how BRF impacts the people we serve, but it’s also had a profound impact on my own life.

The Black Resilience Fund has been one of the most powerful opportunities I’ve ever experienced. With each person BRF supports, I gain a new auntie, uncle, brother, and sister. It’s like reuniting with family.

Thanks to this family, I am truly excited for the future. The needs are daunting, but I believe in this team. We will continue to take each challenge and transform it into an impactful opportunity to help our neighbors.

I didn’t know it at the time, but the Black Resilience Fund was exactly the community I was looking for.

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Mireaya Medina,
Intake Volunteer, Black Resilience Fund

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

» blackresiliencefund.com
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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.

» brownhope.org
» hello@brownhope.org

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