My family and I were stacked financially, mentally and emotionally—having to navigate a move, the global crisis, my mentoring non-profit, and the news of late. Holding that check in my hand is when I felt I could come up for air. Thank you.

JESSE, BRF RECIPIENT
Thank you to the Black Resilience Fund for restoring hope for me and my family. The donation assisted with getting me and my children housed after months of homelessness. Words aren’t enough to express our gratitude.

TRAYLA, BRF RECIPIENT
$1,070,000+ raised

12,000+ individual donations

175+ local small business have supported

100% volunteer-driven by more than 300 volunteers

900+ Black Portlanders funded across five counties and counting

6,500+ applications for assistance received and counting
OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

$275,069.81 TOTAL FUNDED

- RENT: $71,092.85
- PHONE & INTERNET: $16,619.85
- MEDICAL: $6,950.00
- ELECTRIC & WATER: $51,298.19
- GROCERIES: $77,160.00
- TRANSPORTATION: $6,803.85
- MEDICAL: $6,950.00
- SMALL BIZ: $9,850.00
- STUDENT LOAN: $9,149.57
- WARM MEAL: $7,774.50
- CREDIT CARD: $4,980.00
- MISCELLANEOUS: $1,991.00
- CHILD CARE: $900.00
- LEGAL FEES: $100.00
- MOVING COSTS: $8,600.00
- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: $1,800.00
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.

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WHY WE CHOSE RESILIENCE

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 hundred 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,

cameron whitten & Salomé Chimuku
Co-Founders, Black Resilience Fund
ABOUT BLACK RESILIENCE FUND

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

» blackresiliencefund.com
» info@blackresiliencefund.com
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**.