RISING TO THE CHALLENGE
Thank you so much for the financial assistance I was able to get caught up on my utility bills and take my children out for a nice dinner. It’s been a while since we’ve been able to spend quality time together.

GLORIA, BRF RECIPIENT
I am very grateful for this support. I have been upside down with finances after going to help my mother recover from hip surgery in the midst of this pandemic. Every little bit helps me keep fighting.

GERRIN, BRF RECIPIENT
$1,805,000+ raised

16,600+ individual donations

Funded 3,800+ Black Portlanders across five counties and counting

Largest single contribution to date: $50,000 from Comcast

3,200 grocery boxes delivered to more than 1,500 households

Black Resilience Fund received ‘Black Lives Matter’ Award from Portland Monthly Magazine
OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

$1,172,869.81 TOTAL FUNDED

GROCERIES $350,260.00
RENT $254,242.85
MEDICAL $21,650.00
TRANSPORTATION $25,203.85
MISCELLANEOUS $19,141.00
CREDIT CARD $18,880.00
ELECTRIC & WATER $233,998.19
PHONE & INTERNET $53,419.85
STUDENT LOAN $60,149.57
WARM MEAL $37,774.50
MOVING COSTS $29,200.00
LEGAL FEES $700.00
SMALL BIZ SUPPORT $65,750.00
CHILD CARE $2,500.00
OLDER ADULTS $1,113.01
RETAIL $1,000.00

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 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,
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Co-Founders, Black Resilience Fund

WHY WE CHOSE RESILIENCE

I’m probably not alone in feeling the need to grasp some form of relief during this challenging year.

Volunteering with the Black Resilience Fund presented me an opportunity to get a change of scenery, meet neighbors in need, and do something tangible to make the world a better place.

I’ve spent countless hours driving through the City and bringing financial relief to the doors of our neighbors. While the experience is truly a pleasure, it’s also provided a sobering window to the economic reality that so many Black Portlanders face.

I know poverty exists, and yet, delivering checks in and around my NE Portland neighborhood has made one thing clear and visible. When you look closely, the racial disparities are impossible to ignore.

I’ve delivered checks to public housing and homes in serious need of repair. Homes that provide a roof and walls, but lack the basic amenities that some of us, including me, take for granted.

Safe outside spaces for children to play, sidewalks, grocery stores and parks within walking distance—these are all out of reach.

What would it look like if everyone had safe, stable housing that they and their children’s children could call home? What would it mean to our community to provide this level of comfort and stability?

When I think about the future, I envision walking down the street without being able to guess the race of the inhabitants by the condition of the house. Where I don’t have to watch in despair as my neighbors choose between medicine and groceries. Where each and every one of us has our basic needs met.

That’s why I volunteer with Black Resilience Fund. I have the lucky opportunity to see immediately what an extra $300 means in the relieved faces of families in our community. And our work is just beginning.

Every day, the Black Resilience Fund works successfully to provide stable footing where no safety net was before. And we’ve done this with the support of thousands of generous Portlanders who dared to envision a future where all of us thrive.

Our world still remains full of struggle. But I’m grateful for this incredible opportunity to get out of the house, bury the angst of this pandemic, and help our friends and neighbors.

With Gratitude,
Michelle DePass
Check Delivery Volunteer, Black Resilience Fund

RESILIENCE IS A VISION FOR ALL
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.

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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.