



30 DAY IMPACT REPORT | 08.01.2020

**BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE**



**As a senior citizen, I was going to physical therapy to assist with my walking. Then COVID happened. I had a car accident. I was struggling. This fund gave me emotional strength to believe and have hope again.**

**ADOLPH, BRF RECIPIENT**





Facing these strange times, it is difficult to be certain about anything. **This true act of kindness was contagious;** I encourage us to be kind to one another on a daily basis. **Kindness creates character and change.**

**NAHAILA, BRF RECIPIENT**

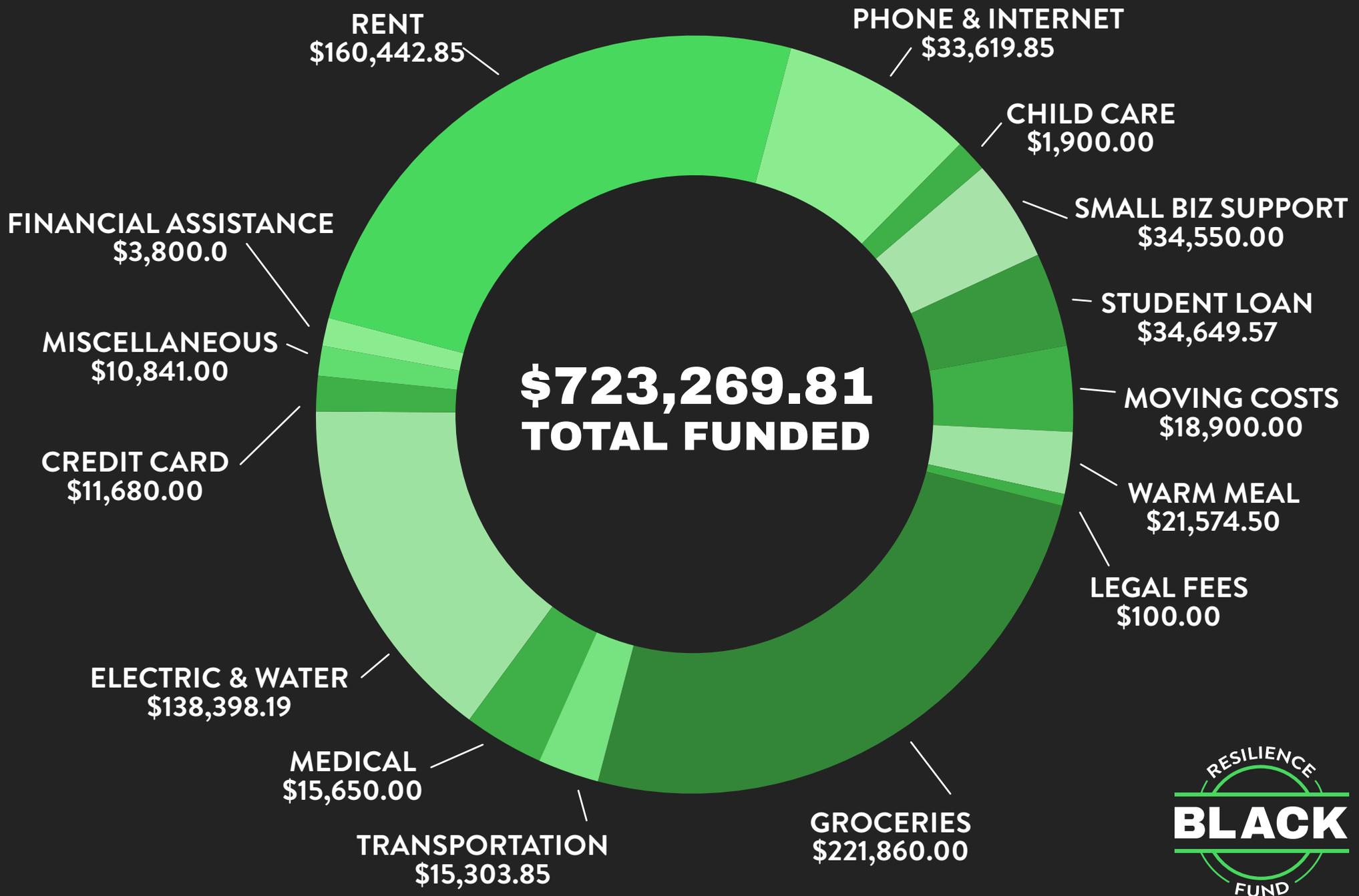


# TOGETHER WE ARE POWERFUL

- » **\$1,369,000+ raised**
- » **14,300+ individual donations**
- » **8 craft breweries participated in the Black is Beautiful campaign**
- » **100% volunteer-driven by more than 300 volunteers**
- » **Funded 2,300+ Black Portlanders across five counties and counting**
- » **Received 10,200+ applications for assistance**



# OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS



# OUR RESILIENCE IS INSPIRING

This year has fueled a painful, but important conversation about the need for healing within our communities.

Every week, we interview dozens of BRF recipients. These are intimate moments with people from all walks of life—large families, single parents, and young people living on their own for the first time.

**We hear stories of adversity.** Losing work due to COVID. Waiting on unemployment. Having childcare payments have doubled or tripled.

**We hear stories of extreme tragedy.** Death. Shootings. Domestic violence. Homelessness.

**But we also hear countless stories of courage and strength.** Despite the challenges, our neighbors are focused on solutions and improving their lives. The financial relief we provide serves as a catalyst for the resilience they've had all along.

BRF is not your ordinary organization. Usually, people facing hardship are interrogated within an inch of their pride to receive the bare minimum of social assistance. **But at BRF, we don't interrogate, we don't demand to see proof.** When people finish their intake interviews, we commonly hear, "that's it?"

Dignity and respect aren't always prioritized in relief efforts—but because of our lived experiences—we understand that mental and emotional strength is as important as financial assistance. We keep showing up, day after day, **as a reminder to our community that we love them.**

Thanks to your support, the Black Resilience Fund raised **more than \$300,000 during July.** Due to the hard work of our dedicated volunteers, this month we **nearly tripled** the number of Black Portlanders we've supported. And we continue to create a positive impact that will last far beyond these trying times.

In the past, we didn't think this kind of community building was possible. But after seeing hundreds of volunteers organized and immediate aid offered to thousands of Portlanders in need, we now know differently.

**Anything is truly possible.**

With Gratitude,

**Keesha Dumas and O'Nesha Cochran**  
Co-Directors of Community Relations,  
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](https://blackresiliencefund.com)

» [info@blackresiliencefund.com](mailto: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](https://brownhope.org)**

» **[hello@brownhope.org](mailto: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.**

