



The Umoja Community Relief Fund

FAQs

What is The Umoja Community Relief Fund?

- The Umoja Community Relief Fund is a fund launched by Healthy Black Families to respond to the needs of our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The fund offers support with rent, utilities, groceries, or health and wellness related costs

How are awards determined?

- Awards are determined based on the level of need and funds available
- Special priority will be given to families with multiple child dependents
- Other applicant criteria that we prioritize in awarding funds include:
 - Current and/or previous participants in HBF programming
 - Residents of Berkeley, CA
 - Residents of Alameda County
 - Families from underserved, historically disadvantaged communities

What amount of funds are available for distribution?

- Our initial available funds for distribution is about \$23,000, however contributions to the fund are ongoing, and we will continue to offer awards on a rolling basis through October.
- Applicants can apply to receive support of \$300-\$1,000 to cover rent, \$50-\$250 to cover utilities or groceries, or up to \$100 to cover health and wellness support.

How will I know if I have received an award?

- Awardees will be contacted by the email and/or phone number that they shared in their initial application.
- Applicants who have not been selected for an award **will not** be contacted.

What happens if I am not selected?

- If you aren't selected to receive funds in the first round of awards, you will be invited to apply again when more funds come available.

How will I receive my award?

- Funds to cover rent and utilities will be distributed electronically or in the form of checks directly to the landlord or utility providers. Funds to cover groceries and health/wellness

support will be distributed in the form of digital gift cards that can be emailed and/or texted to the recipient.

Do I need to provide documentation to receive an award?

- In order to receive rent support, awardees will need to provide the name, address, and phone number of their landlord for verification purposes.
- In order to receive support with utilities, awardees will need to provide a photo of their most recent utility bill(s).

Can multiple people in my household apply for awards?

- In order to make sure that the impact of the fund is maximized, awards are limited to one per household.

Who can I contact if I have any additional questions?

- Please send inquiries to info@healthyblackfamiliesinc.org. All inquiries and commentary will be forwarded to the Fund Manager.