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ATX
IMPACT REPORT



SUPPORTING
THE COMMUNITY
THROUGH THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC

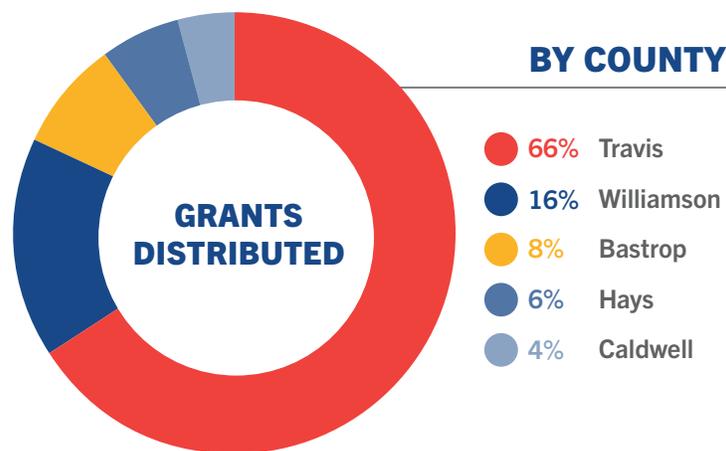
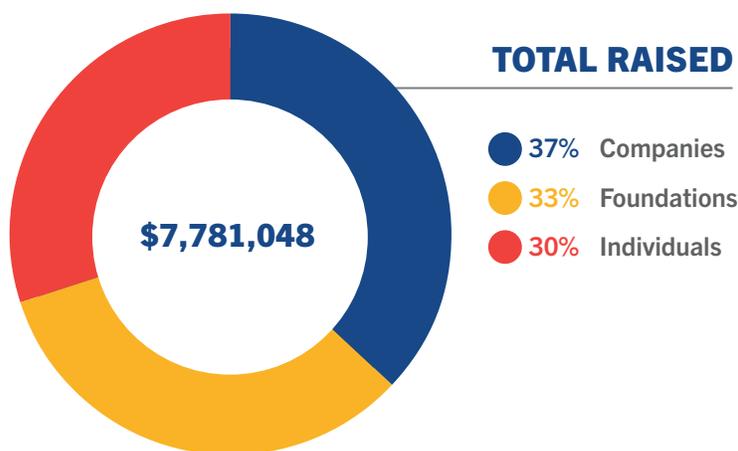


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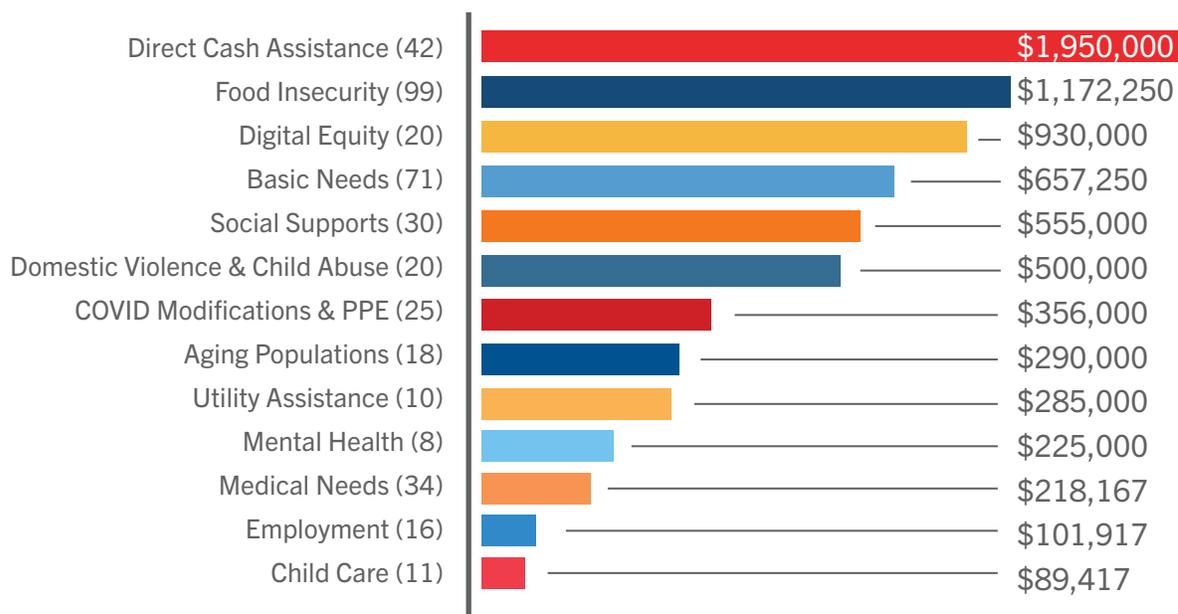
In an effort to support the Central Texas community during the COVID-19 pandemic, Austin Community Foundation and United Way for Greater Austin partnered to create All Together ATX in March of 2020. The All Together ATX fund was designed to complement the work of public health officials and expand local capacity to address all aspects of the COVID-19 outbreak as effectively and efficiently as possible.

From March to December, the fund raised and awarded approximately **\$7.7 million** from **3,149 donors** to more than **210 local nonprofits**.

BY THE NUMBERS



BY FOCUS AREA



*Number of grants distributed ()

STORIES FROM THE FRONTLINES



BASTROP COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

“We're going to be able to soothe and calm that concern about, 'Is there going to be enough food?' Because so many other people are needing food. We're going to be able to continue to do the work that our volunteers and our staff are passionate about doing.”

Tresha Silva | Executive Director

Photo contributed by Gabrielle Silva

SAMMY'S HOUSE

“During this time of financial duress with the restrictions placed on business due to COVID-19, your grant has ensured our doors stayed open for families of children who are medically fragile and/or developmentally delayed in economically disadvantaged homes and essential workers. Although each day has been a struggle for us, the day we received notification provided us with a sense of relief to know that we all are indeed together. Thank you for joining us in our mission to support families with very special children.”

Isabel Huerta | Executive Director

RESPONDING TO THE CRISIS

Shortly after the onset of COVID-19, food pantries all over the city were inundated with people seeking help. In April 2020, Manos de Cristo served more than 1,000 individuals through the organization's food pantry. A \$25,000 grant from All Together ATX provided Manos de Cristo the means to purchase groceries and provide emergency food relief for families impacted by COVID-19.

Julie M. Ballesteros, executive director of Manos de Cristo, shared the story of a young man seeking help

after losing his job at a local hotel. “He shared that he'd never had to ask for help before, so this was all new to him. He even shared pictures of his wife and new baby to assure us that he was indeed asking for help for his family. We assured him that we were here to help, and that he could return any time he needed us. He was so grateful, and thanked us over and over. The image of a man asking for help for his family will forever be etched in my mind.”



MEET SANA

Sana* is a single mom, and was barely able to make ends meet even before the pandemic. Just weeks after COVID-19 hit Central Texas, Sana's job reduced her hours, making it even harder for her to provide for her daughter and herself. Sana was unable to qualify for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, and didn't know where else to turn.

In April, Muslim Community Support Services was awarded a grant from All Together ATX, making it possible for the organization to meet the growing needs of the community. Muslim Community Support Services provided Sana with H-E-B gift cards, so that she and her daughter would not go hungry. * Name has been changed to protect privacy



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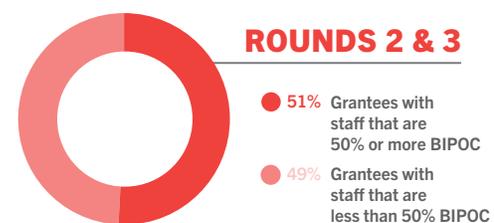
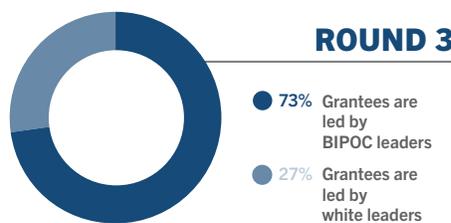
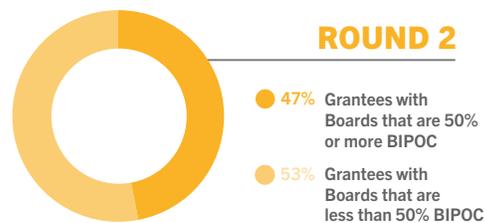
FUNDING FOR EQUITY

How All Together ATX centered grantmaking process and outcomes in equity.

Phase 1 of All Together ATX focused on providing rapid, flexible resources to community-based organizations already meeting a variety of urgent needs, including food insecurity, medical needs, child care, and more. Phase 2 and 3 grants focused on the shifting needs of the community and the deepening disparities as the crisis wore on into the summer and fall.

Systemic racial inequities have long been a contributor to the widening opportunity gap in Central Texas, and the pandemic exacerbated these issues. Data from public health authorities consistently show Hispanic and Black residents in Central Texas are more likely to contract and die of COVID-19. People of color make up a higher percentage of the essential workers who continue to work through the pandemic. Families that were facing poverty and economic hardships before the pandemic found it even harder to pay rent, put food on the table, and get the basics they need to survive.

To ensure the communities most impacted by COVID-19 were supported and funded, equity was a guiding principle in the All Together ATX grantmaking process. Lived experience as a person of color served as a critical input, both among the community reviewers and in the leadership of nonprofit applicants. The scoring committee of Rounds 2 and 3 were comprised of more than 80 community members representing different races, backgrounds, and lived experiences in Central Texas, and 76% of the committee identified as people of color. Additionally, nonprofits led by BIPOC leaders were weighted more heavily in the grants review process.



Austin Community Foundation and United Way for Greater Austin recognize this work must extend beyond COVID-19 relief funding. Both organizations are committed to addressing racial inequities in philanthropy and reducing funding barriers for grassroots organizations and nonprofits led by people of color.

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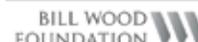
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