

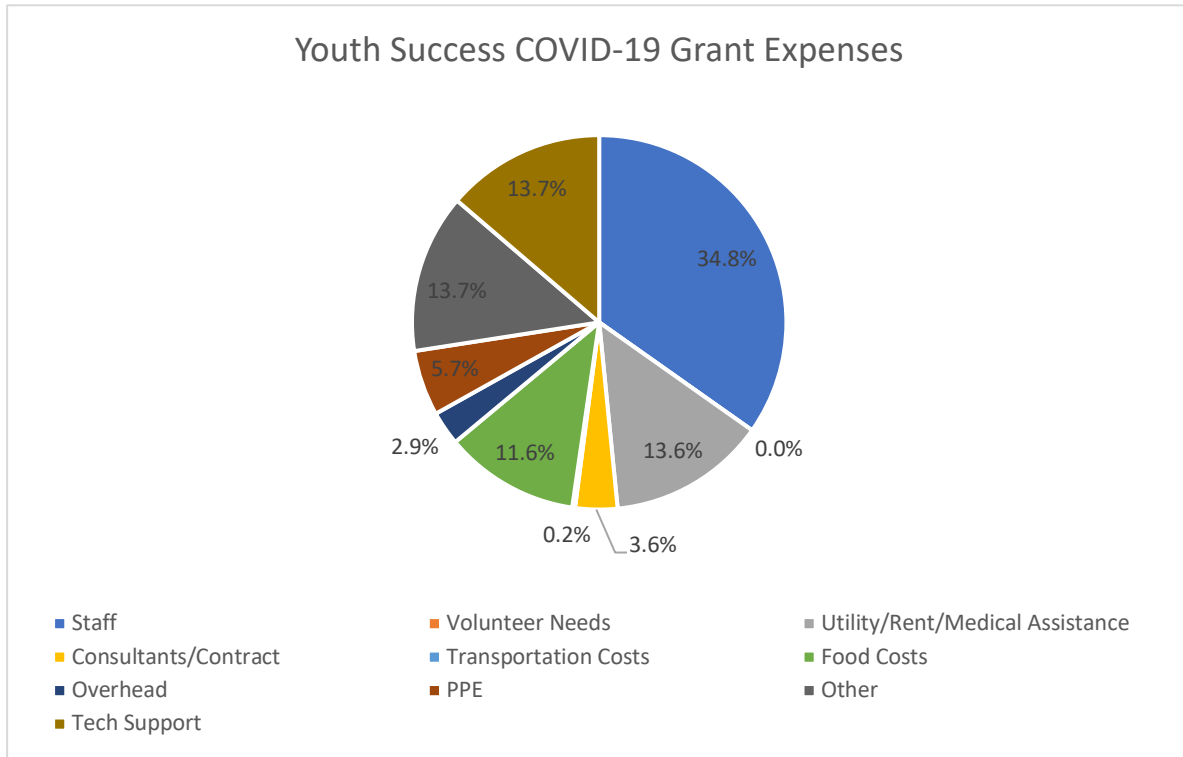


Youth Success COVID-19 Grant Follow-up

We made COVID-19 Disaster Response grants to 75 youth-serving organizations for a total of \$2,244,963. These organizations reported serving 151,858 people, 83% of whom were people of color and 67% were youth 24 years or younger. They served 420,522 meals along with over 1 million diapers, wipes, and hygiene products; and served over 8,000 with various technology hardware and services.

- Almost 40% of the funding went to paying people: 35% for staff costs and 4% for contractors or consultants.
- 26% went to providing food and essential items (12%) and Rent/Utility/Medical assistance (14%) to youth and their families. This illustrates the rapid and impactful pivot made by Youth Success organizations from their normal services to providing for essential needs.
 - Santa Rosa Children’s Hospital Foundation was awarded a grant early in the COVID era to implement COVID testing before COVID testing was generally available. They were able to quickly ramp up to providing 100 tests per day for patients and families.
- The remaining third of the funding was split between Supplies, Technical Support, operating overhead expenses, and PPE. Several organizations focused on delivery of technology for remote learning and for providing virtual services. The spending for technology was 14% of the total funding.

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The following are a few examples of the stories the organizations shared in their follow up reports.

Acts of Hope Center

The Family Care Program served a total of 788 clients (512 families). 100% of these families were affected by COVID-19 as follows:

- 68% of these families lost their employment
- 65% of them had a family member with COVID-19
- 18 families became homeless, but we immediately helped them connect with relatives and helped them relocate with them
- 28 adults attended a customer service training and we are currently helping them find a job



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- We provided over 1900 family activity packages. These family packets included games and interactive ideas for families to play and bond while/during quarantine. “We had a family that has 6 children and both parents lost their jobs due to COVID-19. 2 of the children are special needs (autism). Our support came in at the right time for them. We provided food bags and recipes ideas. In June, they told us that one of their children had made great improvements. This child would usually have stomach pain, but since they started eating at home more, the pain had gone away. They believe that somehow the change of their eating habits helped them.”

Alamo Colleges Foundation

“For Alamo Colleges District, “Students First” is not just a slogan; we live it every day. Our Board of Trustees student trustee—with eviction notice in hand—was one of the first beneficiaries of the Student Impact Fund. Within hours of seeking help, the student’s rent was paid and we set up a case management system to create her a support network. She tells her story in the KSAT report: <https://www.ksat.com/news/local/2020/07/30/alamo-colleges-offers-aid-to-students-struggling-to-make-ends-meet/>.”

Brighton Center

Mom: “At 18 months Ophelia wasn’t communicating the way she should for her age. Her pediatrician agreed and referred me to Brighton. A Speech Therapist and Early Intervention Specialist started coming to my home to work with her. We began to see some progress. Then COVID-19 hit. With the online coaching, I implemented the strategies and tools to help Ophelia communicate. Her progress skyrocketed! Their ability to successfully pivot to online services is a testament to how amazing their staff is!” [Not to mention how well Ophelia did with her own Mom!]



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Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA)

Miranda has always defied the odds. At a time when she was unsure of her future, Miranda was appointed a CASA advocate, Brianda. Brianda gave her hope for the future and someone to stand by her side. This reignited especially true as Miranda's senior year of high school was turned upside down by COVID-19. With Brianda's encouragement, she became the first member of her family to graduate HS. Miranda is now enrolled in college and pursuing a career centered around working with children.

Girls Incorporated San Antonio

Funding provided by the San Antonio Area Foundation COVID-19 Response enabled Girls Inc. to establish and maintain academically-enhanced virtual programming opportunities for girls, upgrade on-site wifi for increased bandwidth, as well as create the Girl Pad Grab & Go Program to provide feminine hygiene products to girls in the community. The primary successes we encountered include the following:

1. An increased virtual presence brought new girls to Girls Inc. programming;
2. Upgraded wifi and internet bandwidth has enabled Girls Inc. to offer academically-enhanced out-of-school time, socially-distanced in-person programming and remote learning support;
3. Ensure girls have access to products and information for healthy hygiene.





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ImmSchools

As a result of this grant, we were able to financially support 20 immigrant families in San Antonio with \$800 monthly stipends, provide food boxes and masks. 100% of the families in our programs were not eligible to receive any type of federal COVID-19 relief support and are not eligible for unemployment. As an immigrant-led organization, we were able to mobilize quickly, developing a system to distribute funds in a way that was equitable and responsive to the needs of our undocumented community.

“I write this letter on behalf of my family, to thank every foundation and every person that has donated to financially support my family during these times that we are all facing. My family and I are infinitely grateful for each and every one of you. Thanks to the support we are receiving we are up to date with all of our bills and rent and we have the food that we need. I cannot find words to thank you for everything you are doing for my family.”

“The first organization I reached out to was ImmSchools. I knew they could connect me with resources and help guide me guide my kids with online learning. More than the financial support, food boxes and computers, knowing we have a whole community that supports us is something we are very grateful for.”

Kinetic Kids

“Anna has an auto immune disorder, missing 60% of her antibodies. The pandemic was frightening yet isolating from her friends and activities was affecting her negatively. Virtually seeing her teammates and friends made a huge impact on her self-esteem and uplifted her spirits.” -Missy (Anna's mom)

SA Heals

“The story of a family telling us they are always grateful to get food whether it is from a pantry or the food bank. However, they shared the experience of being able to go to a restaurant and get a fresh pizza. We were told they not only loved the pizza but the experience of not feeling ashamed but feeling empowered.”

[SA Heals serves the Eastlawn area on the Eastside. Their request was simple--fund 100 pizzas from Tank's Pizza for 100 families per week for 8 weeks. \$1,250 per week at \$12.50/pizza—a win/win for the families and a local business.]



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SAISD Foundation

Dina Toland, 2nd grade teacher Advanced Learning Academy: "My last kid was able to get a hotspot last week and was finally able to connect. I was feeling desperate. When he finally got his hotspot and came into the Zoom Monday morning we all cheered him, and he smiled. It is amazing how ... if you don't have connectivity you are left out of the world these days. The digital divide has always been there, but ... we have to prioritize getting kids connected. We have to fix it if we are going to have equity."

[The SAISD Foundation grant provided mobile hot spots and one year of service for 4,000 homes that served 12,000 students. This went along with the purchase of Chromebooks for the students.]

