We received applications from youth in all 82 Mississippi Counties and 122 cities and towns.

- 63%: Experiencing food insecurities
- 41%: Experiencing homelessness.
- 32%: Lacked the proper technology for distant learning
- 29.3%: Transportation Barriers *Rural youth had special concerns*
- 4.7%: Expectant or parenting youth and 12.5% of applicants who indicated they were an expectant or parenting youth were seeking baby care items (i.e. diapers, wipes, and baby formula).
- 2.8% of applicants indicated that they had life threatening medical conditions
- 13.3% of applicants indicated that they lacked the proper medical care supplies (i.e. personal protective equipment (PPE) and medicines to treat conditions such as lupus, diabetes, cancer, etc).

Total # of youth applications to date: 3,700
Awards have been made to over 125 young people in 24 Mississippi Counties and 31 cities and towns.

Total amount of awards to date: $7,050.00

- 56%: Total funds distributed awarded to young people experiencing nutritional insecurity.
- 23%: Total funds distributed awarded to young people with life-threatening medical conditions for purchase of medications or treatment.
- 15%: Total funds distributed awarded to expectant and parenting teens in need of baby care supplies.
- 6%: Total funds distributed awarded to young people experiencing homelessness.

Total funds distributed awarded:

- $7,050.00

[Image of young people]
“Before the pandemic hit, I was able to support my son and myself with no issues, and now we barely have food. I haven’t been approved for food stamps at all. We have one family here who has a full house and can’t assist us. Rent is due, and I do not have the full amount. My landlord is giving me until the end of the month to collect before we’re evicted. I can’t afford a sitter because I’m not working.”

“I barely can eat, and I am tired of not having a stable place to live. I’m stressed. People are trying to pressure me into doing things I know are wrong, and that will only get me in trouble.”

“I have a newborn baby who I barely can now provide for because I have been laid off work, and I don’t have rent money or gas money. My baby needs clothes and everything. Please help!”

“Since COVID-19, my mother has had to move my cousin and her 2-year-old son in with us, and she already takes care of my grandmother, who is in a wheelchair. I just got a job, and I have diabetes. My mom has been giving me her medicine to help me get it under control. I have not been getting my medication, and I don’t want to tell my mother.”

“I’m a single high school parent who is at the end of the road to graduating. This has really been a rough year for me. I’ve been living from house to house, not knowing if we will be able to lay our heads in a clean environment and a place with a bathtub. But I keep pushing through. I’m struggling to make sure we eat every day, but when the pandemic started, it got worse for my son and me. I have to figure out ways to get us around.”

“I can no longer stay on my college campus and received no refund. Grocery is more expensive, and my university is where I mostly ate because the school fed me, and now I have no food or money to get food. I also cannot afford wifi at home to complete my school work since all of my classes are online now.”