



northern california  
college promise coalition

# Emergency Microgrant Program Phase II Impact Report





# Impact Report

FEBRUARY 2024

## THE PROGRAM

This regional micro-grants program is a pilot program launched in 2021 and designed and implemented by NCCPC and its members. This year, students applied directly for an emergency microgrant using the Beam platform.

## TWO FUNDS FOR PHASE II

Thanks to Sobrato Philanthropies, we have a \$23,000 fund for Silicon Valley students. Leveraging Sobrato's contribution, we have an additional \$23,000 fund for non-Silicon Valley students thanks to Capital Group.

**GOAL: A total of \$46,000 in emergency microgrants will be disbursed to students by December 2023.**

## THE REQUIREMENTS

Students who receive the funds must be:

1. Enrolled college students
2. Live or go to college in the Silicon Valley (Santa Clara, San Mateo, and S. Alameda counties) for the Sobrato funds or anywhere else in our 12-county footprint for the Capital Group funds.

## IMPACT SNAPSHOT

# 404

Enrolled college students  
started or submitted  
applications

# 24

NCCPC Members referred  
students to apply

# \$46,000

Total to distribute between  
July 2023 - June 2024

# Status of Funds

The following comes from the Beam Administrator Dashboard.

## Funds Overview

<b>\$46,000.00</b> Total Starting Funds	<b>\$0.00</b> Total Available Funds	<b>\$2,400.00</b> Total Obligated Funds	<b>\$44 k</b> Total Awarded Funds
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**Total Starting Funds \* :** Total funds initially set for disbursement.

**Total Available Funds \* :** Total fund balance left after money has been awarded and claimed by applicants.

**Total Obligated Funds:** Total funds that have been awarded to applicants but, not yet claimed.

**Total Awarded Funds:** Total funds that have been awarded and claimed by applicants.

## Overview

Last updated February 6, 2024 at 7:47 AM.

Total Applicants <b>487</b>	Total Paid <b>\$43,600</b>	Payments Sent <b>140</b>	Average Payment <b>\$311</b>
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## Silicon Valley Fund

Available Funds ⓘ <b>\$0</b>	Obligated Funds ⓘ <b>\$1,550</b>	Awarded Amount ⓘ <b>\$21,450</b>
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## Non-Silicon Valley Fund

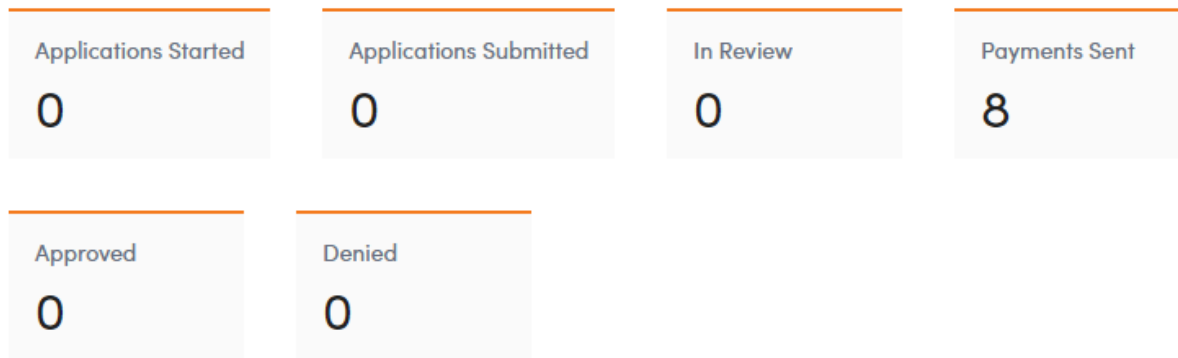
Available Funds ⓘ <b>\$0</b>	Obligated Funds ⓘ <b>\$850</b>	Awarded Amount ⓘ <b>\$22,150</b>
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# Status of Applications

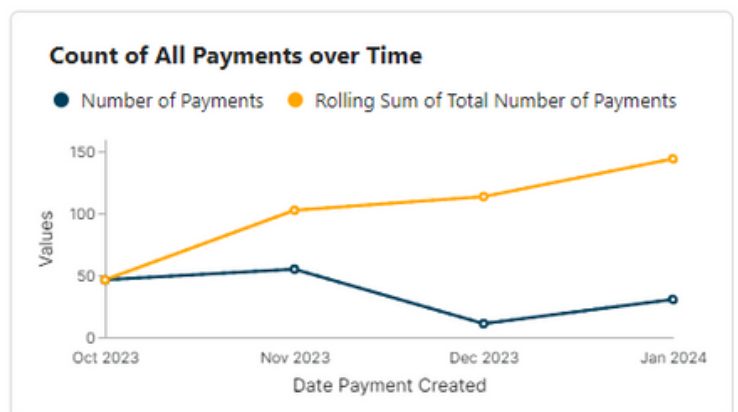
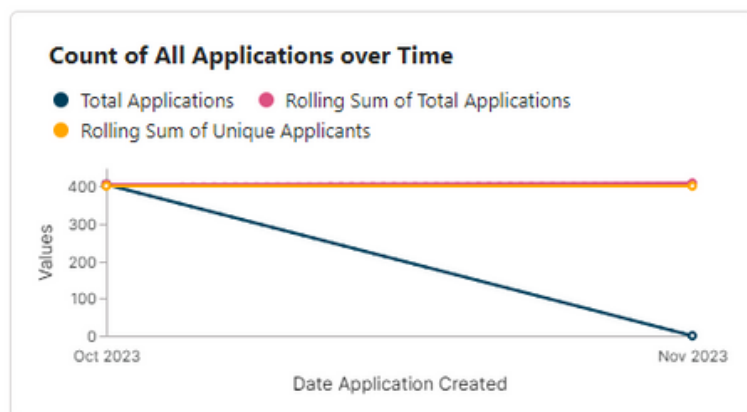
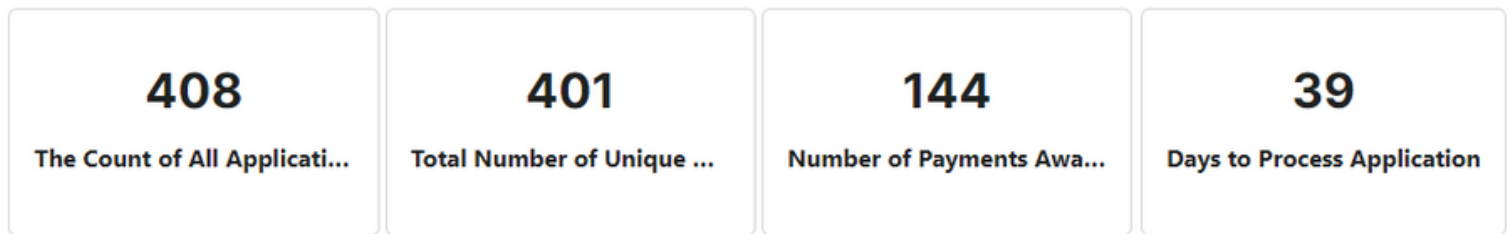
The following comes from the Beam Administrator Dashboard.

## Last 7 Days

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The following comes from Beam's analytical tool, Hashboard.



**Count of All Applications over Time:** This shows how the number of applications has changed each month during the course of the program.

**Combined Total Applications:** This shows the number of applications submitted over the course of the program.

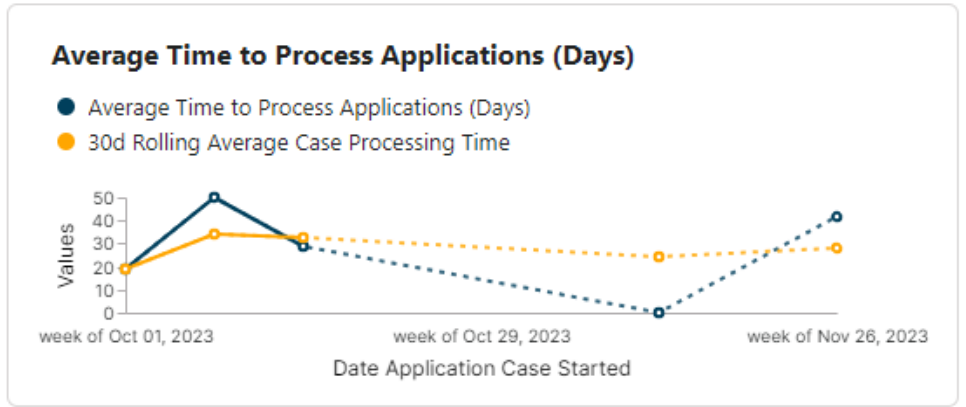
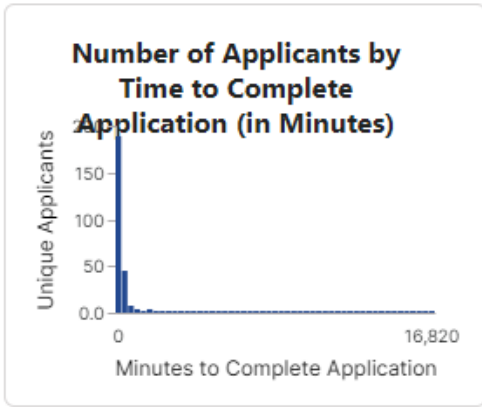
**Combined Distinct Applicants:** This gives us the total count of distinct applicant who applied over time. It helps us understand how many people applied and whether many of them applied more than once.

**Count of All Payments over Time:** This shows how the number of payments has changed each month during the course of the program.

**Combined Total Payments:** This gives the total payments made over time throughout the program.

# Current Challenges Faced by Applicants

The following comes from Beam’s analytical tool, Dashboard.



This report looks at the current challenges faced by applicants. It shows the number of applications by Tier, Score, and Award amount:

- Tier 1: Highest need category, score of 50 - 100
- Tier 2: Middle need category, score of 20-49
- Tier 3: Lowest need category, score of 0 - 19

NCCPC prioritized aid to applicants based on their Tier.

Tier	Total Applications	Unique Applicants	Average Application ...
1 Tier 1	8 (2.9%)	8	53
2 Tier 2	136 (49.5%)	136	30
3 Tier 3	131 (47.6%)	131	10

Tier	Total Applications	Average Cash Amount Requested	Average Award Amount
1 Tier 1	8 (2.9%)	\$464.38	\$500.00
2 Tier 2	136 (49.5%)	\$472.53	\$346.55
3 Tier 3	131 (47.6%)	\$448.75	\$260.00

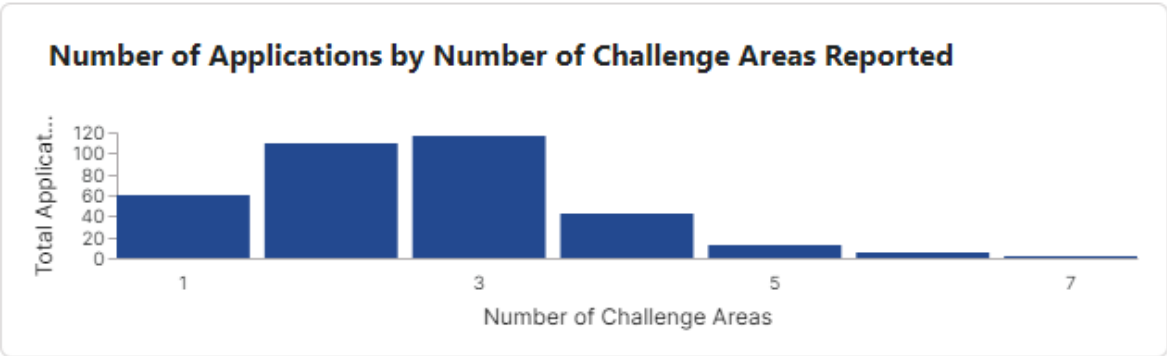
# Use of Funds

Students indicated they would use their microgrants to pay for one or more of the following expenses between October 2023 and December 2023:

- Food
- Housing
- Childcare
- Transportation
- Health
- Safety (Mental Health)
- Learning Resources

**71.8%**  
of students had MORE than ONE challenge

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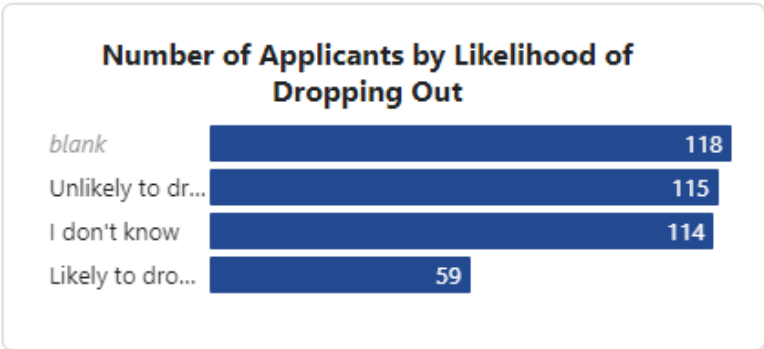


Total number of challenge areas reported. Applicants may report one or more challenge areas.

**18**  
Total Experiencing Homelessn...

**2.2%**  
Applicants with Minors

**71.8%**  
Report More Than One Challe...



Times Wellbeing has been Difficult in Past 30 Days	Number of Applicants
blank	~110
1-2 days	~10
3-5 days	~10

Question- How likely are you to drop out this semester due to your financial emergency?

This question is asked of all applicants.

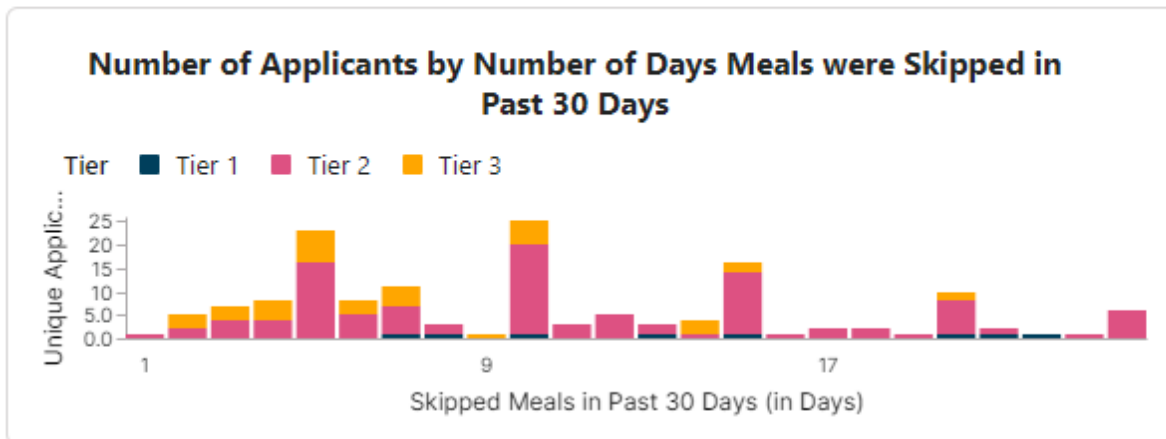
Question- In the past 30 days, how many days have you felt that emotional, mental, or physical difficulties have hurt your academic performance?

This is only asked for applicants who stated that Health or Safety was a challenge area.

# Use of Funds

HOUSING CHALLENGES IN PAST 30 DAYS	UNIQUE APPLICANTS	TOTAL APPLICATIONS
You struggled to pay your rent or mortgage	33%	87
There was a rent or mortgage increase that made it difficult to pay	16.30%	43
You did not pay the full amount of a utility (gas, oil, water, or electricity) bill	14%	37
None of the above	9.50%	25
You moved in with other people, even for a little while, because of financial problems	8.30%	22
You lived with more people than the expected capacity of the house or apartment (i.e. a room intended for 1, with more than 1 person living in it)	8%	21
You did not pay or underpaid your rent or mortgage	6.80%	18
You moved two or more times	4.20%	11

Are any of the following true about the past 30 days?



In the last 30 days, did you ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food? How many days did this happen in the past 30 days?

# Student Testimonials

## FROM UASPIRE:

"I'm currently in my last semester of college but financial aid didn't cover the full amount so I have to pay \$450 out of pocket and I am really struggling with getting this money since I'm currently not working. Receiving this grant would be of huge help to pay out my tuition so that I don't have to keep skipping meals or eat less than I should. Thank You!" - Student

## FROM BREAKTHROUGH SILICON VALLEY:

"My parents lost their job this year after submitting fafsa so my efc is higher than normal for my situation. Their income will be less than half of last year but they do their best to help me. Gas prices are really high and my school is 12 miles away. I have to buy expensive access codes to unlock digital homework and my school still haven't given me the promised book store credit. I've sold hundreds of dollars of things online to help pay for school and loans haven't been disbursed yet. Thank you for this generous opportunity."  
- Student

## FROM STOCKTON SCHOLARS:

"I'm greatly appreciative that Stockton Scholars had provided this resource for me. Times are tough right now, especially during my last year of college, but deep down, I know things will get better. Thank you Northern California College Promise Coalition for offering this emergency microgrant. It is greatly appreciated." - Student

"I am not legally responsible for my siblings, but it is my obligation as their older sibling to take care of them daily. I have 3 elementary grade siblings, and when they need something; I have to be there. Rent increased recently, and my mother is struggling to manage costs of our basic needs, so some payments have fallen on me to pay. As for transportation, gas is expensive and my mom's car is falling apart...As for health, I'm not the healthiest person in the world. I've been to the emergency room a couple times and I've met with a lot of doctors for a variety of problems... I never know when I'll need to change my diet, pay fees for emergency services, or buy different medications." - Student







#### **FROM STUDENTS RISING ABOVE:**

"I'm just trying to survive and make it out of college so that I can change the narrative of my story."

- Student

"Thank you for all you do! Being a first-generation college student is not easy and figuring out payments and school simultaneously is even harder when there was never a set guided path."

- Student

"Receiving this aid would serve as an immense amount of help to me and would relieve many of the burdens I am facing financially right now."

- Student

#### **FROM SAN JOSE PUBLIC LIBRARY:**

"Hi, my family is low income and we live in section 8 housing. I am a full time student and work part time. I struggle making enough for gas and food because I have 7 classes this semester. My car insurance is really expensive, and it's also a old car that requires a lot of repairs." - Student

#### **FROM THE PENINSULA FUND:**

"Recently, my father left us for another woman, now I and my older sister are the ones that have to cover the costs that were covered by my father. I currently have two part time jobs to make up for this, and my sister also has a full time job. Also I am \$4,000 in debt with my school for tuition. According to my math I should be able to make just enough to pay for school, and one to two months of rent but I will not have enough for my part of the rent for November" - Student

#### **FROM OAKLAND PROMISE:**

"I have to take public transportation to get to school everyday. I have to spend 50 dollars a week just to get to school. This money comes from my own pocket because the school doesn't have a Bart program for students outside of the Santa Clara county. I am currently a full-time student with no employment. Getting this scholarship will allow me to pursue higher education." - Student


**140** Students were able to stay in school thanks to these emergency microgrants!

We couldn't have done it without your generous *support.*

Thank you **SOBRATO**  
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