



What did students use the funds for?

Students responded with food (71.0%), Tuition/Fees (51.4%), and Housing (45.7%) as the top uses of the funds.

*"The grant I got from school really helped me fund my living expenses. I was struggling with food."*

*"This saved me a month from becoming homeless."*

As many of our students live in inter-generational homes within Silicon Valley's high cost of living it is no surprise that 63.7% indicated the funding was also used to support their family. For Asian, Black, and Hispanic students this averaged 72.0% and down to 43.8% for White students.

*"Being able to help family members in these difficult times gave me peace of mind. I was grateful to receive help without having to ask. I am part of an organization that knew to help me. I will not forget."*

*"I was able to help my mom and dad when they needed it the most! At time we didn't know if we were gonna make enough for rent and food!"*

The chart on the left shows that 77.9% of students felt the funds were essential for them at the time, 20.7% that they were helpful, but not essential. 1.4% of the students

indicated they were not needed, but appreciated. Students indicating the funds were essential were more likely to use the funds to support family obligations vs those who indicated they were just helpful or were not needed.

Outside of Federal & State funding provided through SJSU 60.9% of respondents indicated that they received Federal Stimulus Funds.

Optional Comments

*"I am out of debt thank u"*

Besides the quotes in this document we've created a word cloud showing the frequency of topics in the additional comments.

*"I honestly broke into tears receiving this"*

While emails were sent directly to students addressing the process two themes appeared in additional

