

# EMERGENCY FUNDING SUPPORT AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA

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## Emergency Funding Impact Report 2024 – 2025

*At Community College of Philadelphia, I found more than just classrooms. I found community...where people from different backgrounds come together with one goal, to build a better future.*

Fatoumata Sacko  
2025 Commencement student  
speaker



The Community College of Philadelphia Foundation exists solely to enhance and enrich the educational experiences of the Community College of Philadelphia community by creating partnerships in support of the College's comprehensive mission.

## EMERGENCY FUND GIVING

Many community college students balance family, work, and coursework, with over half facing food or housing insecurity, as well as needs such as childcare and transportation. These barriers can derail their education and future stability.

Community College of Philadelphia is committed to addressing these challenges. Through the Foundation's student emergency funds, distributed by the College's Single Stop office, donors provide essential aid for food, rent, utilities, childcare, and more—helping students stay on track.

By supporting basic student needs, donors help break down the barriers that prevent students from reaching their full potential. This vital assistance not only helps students succeed academically but also creates lasting change, breaking the cycle of poverty for them and their families.

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**Over the past year, we've seen a noticeable increase in student need, particularly around basic necessities. More students are struggling to secure stable housing, access consistent meals, and maintain a sense of overall stability. These challenges are impacting not only their academic performance but also their mental health and ability to remain enrolled.**

Belinda A. Pierce  
Director, Single Stop and Student  
Care Network

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**I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the generous \$700 support I received through the Emergency and Basic Needs Fund. Your assistance came at a critical time in my life and made a meaningful difference.**

**This funding has helped me cover essential expenses, including my rent and summer camp for my child, and it has provided much-needed relief during a period of personal struggle. Your support not only eased my financial burdens but also reminded me that I am part of a caring and supportive college community.**

**Thank you for believing in students like me and for providing this vital resource. Your compassion and generosity have given me the strength to continue pursuing my goals, even in challenging times.**

[Emergency Fund Recipient]

## In 2024–2025

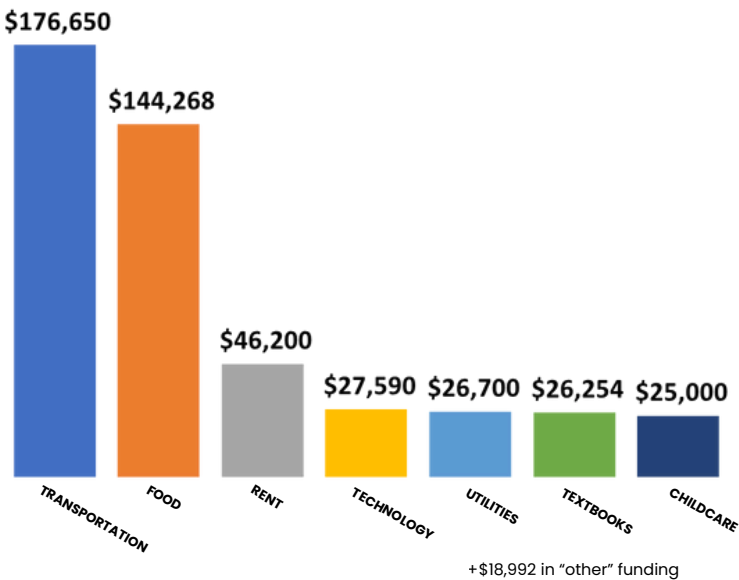
This report outlines the usage of emergency funds for the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 semesters. The data reflects various categories where the funds were allocated, highlighting the total number of requests and the total amount spent in each category.

As student awareness about these resources grows, we anticipate the demand for emergency financial assistance and the number of requests for such aid to increase.

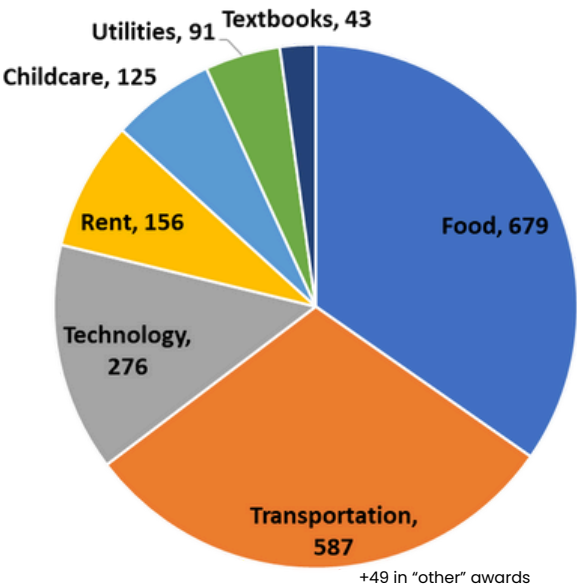


# REPORT ON EMERGENCY FUNDS USAGE 2024–2025

2024 – 2025 FUND DISTRIBUTION



2024 – 2025 FUND REQUESTS BY CATEGORY



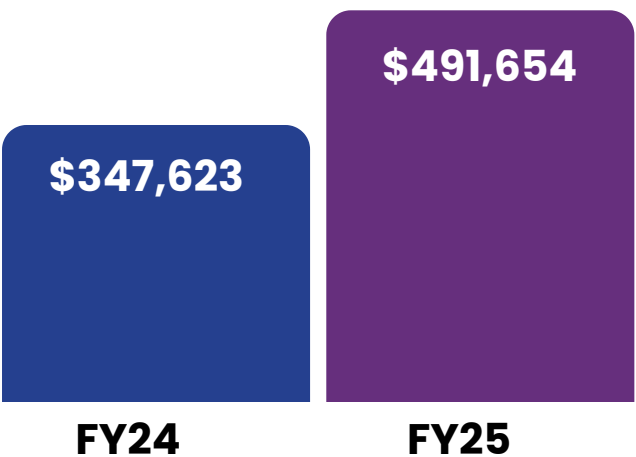
In the 2024–2025 fiscal year, the College distributed a total of 2,006 Emergency Fund awards to students, with **an average award of \$245**. Many students received multiple awards, reflecting the ongoing challenges they face.

The distribution of these funds underscores the significant need within our community. **Transportation, food, and rent**—the three largest categories of assistance—**accounted for 75%** of the total **\$491,654** disbursed, highlighting the critical role the Emergency Fund plays in supporting students’ basic needs.

## EMERGENCY FUNDING TOTALS FY24 & FY25

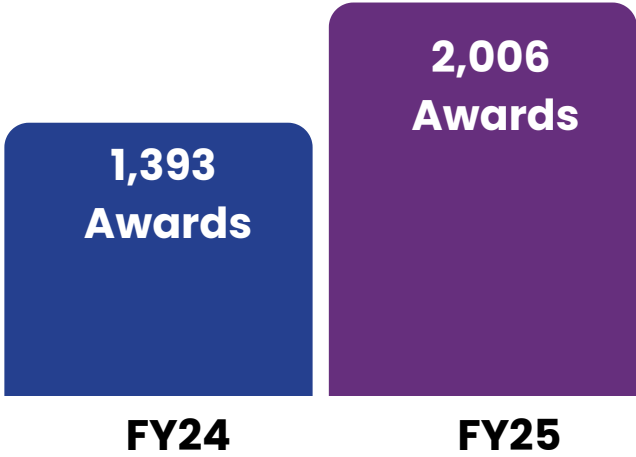
Amount Distributed

**41% Increase FY24 to FY25**



Total Awards Distributed

**44% Increase FY24 to FY25**



# THANK YOU

Emergency funding support makes a difference in the lives of students, helping them overcome barriers and continue their educational journeys.



*I truly would not be able to say that I'm continuing on this path without your support, and for that, I am deeply grateful.*

Emergency Fund Recipient

