California College Pathways Rapid Response Program

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP
To provide access to flexible resources to quickly address challenges presented by COVID-19 that threaten a foster youth’s ability to transition to and through college.

FUND STRUCTURE
- Agency applies to become an authorized referrer
- Once approved, agency refers students to Together We Rise
- Together We Rise provides assistance to student

CONTACTS AND MORE INFORMATION
For questions about becoming a referral agency
emergencyfund@jbay.org

For questions about eligible student referrals
Alondra at AN@togetherwerise.org
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FUNDS CAN BE USED TO SUPPORT:
- Housing Costs
- Grocery Support
- Utilities & Personal Expenses
- Travel & Relocation
- Healthcare & Mental Health Aid
- Technology for Educational Purposes
- General Educational Expenses

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Helping children in foster care
RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Current or former foster youth residing in California
  - No age cap
  - In care at any age

- Current college student or enrolled for summer or fall
  - No minimum unit requirement or academic standard
  - No requirement that the youth has previously participated in the foster youth campus support program

- The request addresses a challenge that, if not addressed, threatens to disrupt a foster youth’s post-secondary education

- Other public and private resources are not available to address the immediate need

- Must be referred by an approved agency

HOW TO BECOME A REFERRING AGENCY

- Click here to complete the form
  - Only one form should be submitted per agency.

- Must agree to:
  - ✓ Verify eligibility for each referral
  - ✓ Utilize all other options for emergency support before making a referral
  - ✓ Make referrals only for emergency needs

REFERRAL AGENCY REQUIREMENTS

- College campus foster youth support program or non-profit that serves the eligible population

- Able to verify that students meet eligibility criteria

- Located in California