The need in our communities continues to surge as the pandemic crosses the one year mark. We review almost 100 applications for support each month. Our average grant is now $2,100 and we expect this demand to continue throughout 2021.

**EMERGENCY HOUSING FUND**

The AHI program was impeded in 2020 by the pandemic as we put the majority of our efforts and resources toward our Emergency Housing Fund. Our priority this quarter has been on outreach and we hope to report stronger outcomes in Q2.

**Janelle’s Story**

I was able to move into a unit in San Mateo near my work and the incredible weight it lifted off of me is like nothing I can describe. I know that if I didn’t have the support of HIF not only would I have had to leave the area, I would have had to leave my job as well. I now work for a college prep school in East Palo Alto that serves the youth of this community. I know that we are changing lives, and the only reason why I was able to continue in this life changing work was because HIF changed my life. That is why organizations like HIF are crucial— they support the important infrastructure in the community. Thank you for your support!

**Marniee’s Story**

I am so grateful to HIF for helping to keep my children in their home and safe, making it possible for us to remain in the community that we love. In these times, home is more than just a shelter from the cold, it is a safe place, as well as an important ally enabling us to participate in the fight against the spread of COVID-19. To do our part in keeping essential workers safe and healthy, so they continue to fight on the frontlines for all of us.

Simply stated, with the utmost of respect, without this assistance this would not have been possible. Thank you.