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Governor Whitmer Announces Award Recognizing Michigan as Top State for New Manufacturing Jobs and Investment

Michigan receives 2021 Manufacturing Gold Shovel Award on strength of 2,619 new jobs and $441.8 million in private investment

LANSING, Mich. - Governor Gretchen Whitmer today announced Michigan has been awarded an Area Development 2021 Manufacturing Gold Shovel award, affirming the momentum and strength of job creation around new and expanded manufacturing facilities in the state.

"As we put Michigan back to work, this Manufacturing Golden Shovel Award is a recognition of our ongoing efforts to make generational investments in Michigan's manufacturing might as part of our state's economic jumpstart," said **Governor Gretchen Whitmer**. "As we emerge from the pandemic together, we will stay laser-focused on creating good-paying, high-skill jobs here in Michigan and investing in working families and small businesses."

Area Development's Annual Gold & Silver Shovel Awards recognize state economic development agencies that drive significant job creation through innovative policies, infrastructure improvements, processes, and promotions that attract new employers and investments in new and expanded facilities. The awards are presented annually to states that have achieved significant success in terms of job creation and economic impact.

In announcing the award, Area Development noted, "another Manufacturing Gold Shovel winner was Michigan, with a host of headlines related to its automotive sector, including opportunities linked to the growth of interest in electric vehicles."

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation submitted the top-10 job creation and investment projects initiated in 2020 for consideration in the 8-12 million population category - including **Bridgewater Interiors** (Detroit/Delta Township), **Dakota Integrated Systems** and **Detroit Manufacturing Systems** (Detroit), **Magna International** (Highland Park) and **The Paslin Company** (Warren). Combined, the 10 projects accounted for 2,619 new good paying jobs for Michiganders and $441.8 million in private investment, further cementing the state as a national leader in manufacturing and automotive R&D. The list also includes two major headquarter announcements- **Perrigo Co.** (Grand Rapids) and **Wacker Chemical Corp.** (Pittsfield Charter Township) - highlighting the state's growing opportunities in professional and corporate services.

The strength of these projects earned Michigan the 2021 Manufacturing Golden Shovel in its category.

"In a year marked by disruption and uncertainty - with small business relief a top priority - we continued to stay focused on job creation and economic growth as well and we are proud these efforts have been recognized with Area Development's Manufacturing Golden Shovel Award," said **Josh Hundt, Chief Business Development Officer and Executive Vice President at the MEDC**. "Michigan has positioned itself to be the state where manufacturing and technology converge and where businesses can find the skilled workforce that will ensure we can not only compete, but win, in today's global economy."

Read more about Michigan's Manufacturing Golden Shovel Award **here**.

Earlier this week, Governor Whitmer attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for XL Fleet's new **Fleet Electrification Technology Center** in Wixom, which will create nearly 50 jobs and further fuel the state's leadership in mobility and electrification solutions. Combined with today's Golden Shovel announcement centered largely around automotive manufacturing projects Michigan's economic recovery is well underway.

As part of the state's efforts to continue to attract and grow new businesses investment in the state, Governor Whitmer, the MEDC and the Office of Future Mobility and Electrification also participated this week in a number of virtual events for the 8th annual SelectUSA Investment Summit. The summit is the highest profile event promoting foreign direct investment (FDI) in the United States and this year welcomed 3,000 participants, including business investors from more than 60 markets.

Governor Whitmer was joined by Steve Milam, North America Corporate Senior Director of DENSO International America, Inc., for a fireside chat to discuss the competitive advantages Michigan offers global businesses. She also participated in a governor's roundtable moderated by U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo focused on FDI and identifying specific actions the Department of Commerce and the Biden Administration can take to support efforts of economic development organizations around the country to bring more foreign investment to states like Michigan.

Michigan is ranked 6th in the nation for total jobs created by foreign direct investment and was ranked the **top state for FDI job growth** by over the past five years by Global Business Alliance. Detroit was also ranked the no. 1 metropolitan area for FDI projects by Site Selection Magazine this year.

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Pittsfield Township
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RE: Harbor Club Apartments Fire Assistance

Supervisor Grewal,

On behalf of the Van Buren Public Safety Department and the Charter Township of Van Buren, I would like to express my appreciation for the services provided by Pittsfield Township. Pittsfield Township's willingness to assist our Fire Department during the recent fire at Harbor Club Apartments was invaluable. The focus of your personnel on maintaining the safety of the residents of Harbor Club and VBT personnel should be commended.

It is highly reassuring that our community can receive such professional assistance from our neighbor. I look forward to future opportunities for our communities to collaborate for the good of our citizens. Thank you for your assistance during this event.

Sincerely,

Kevin McNamara,
Township Supervisor

David C. McInally II
Fire Chief

BARRIER BUSTERS EMERGENCY UNMET NEEDS FUND

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Thank you to our funders:
Washtenaw County, United Way of Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, Pittsfield Township, the Washtenaw County Community Action Board, the City of Ann Arbor, and the City of Ypsilanti.

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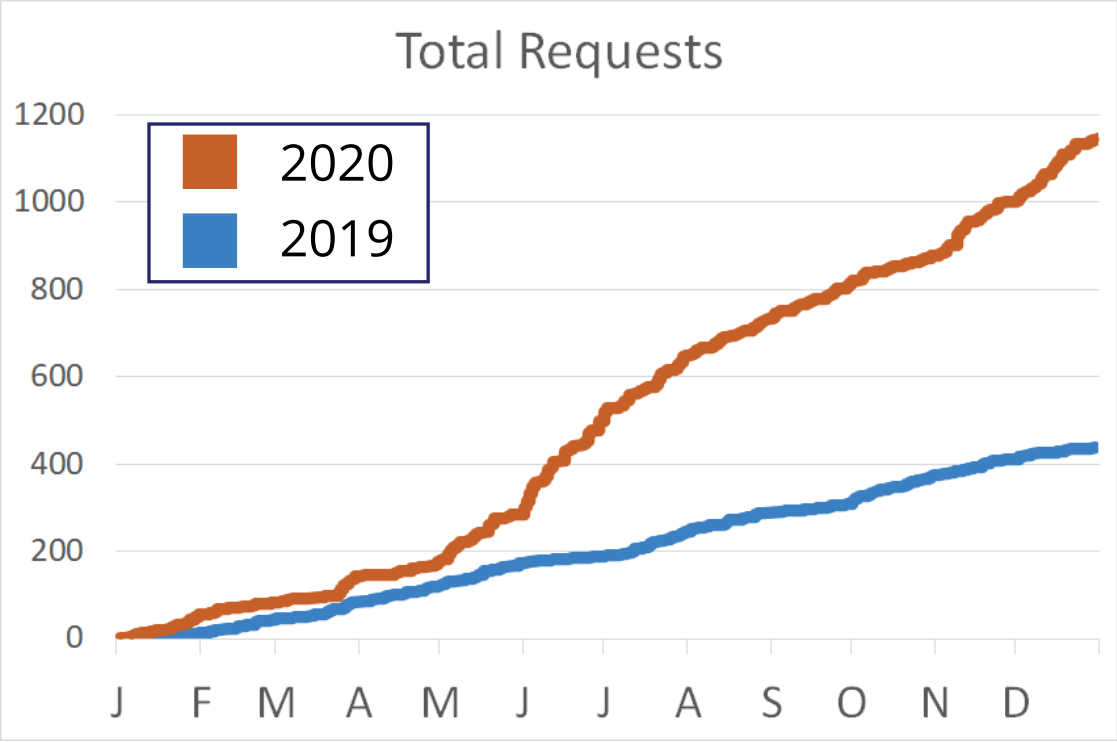
OVERVIEW

Barrier Busters is a group of 100+ social service providers committed to improving services and responding to emergencies for Washtenaw County residents in need. Member agencies have access to the "Barrier Busters Emergency Unmet Needs" Fund - public and private funds that provide social workers, case managers, and other direct service providers access to emergency assistance funds for clients. This fund provides agencies an efficient way to prevent evictions* and utility shut-offs; and assist with other emergency costs that threaten residents' housing and financial stability. This initiative and fund are coordinated by the Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED).

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, OCED worked to increase and expand the capacity of Barrier Busters, welcoming new partners with strong community connections to the network. Additional funding was also secured from partners including Washtenaw County, the Washtenaw County Community Action Board, United Way of Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, Pittsfield Township, the City of Ann Arbor, and the City of Ypsilanti. We also received 23 contributions from individual donors through our partnership with Michigan Community Action

Given the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, need in the community increased greatly in 2020 as compared to 2019 (See Below). This report details how the "Barrier Busters Emergency Unmet Needs" was used to respond to individual crisis during the greater health crisis of COVID-19.



*Washtenaw County launched a new Eviction Diversion and Prevention Program in partnership with Housing Access for Washtenaw County and Legal Services of South Central Michigan in late summer. Individuals in need of rental assistance were largely diverted to that program, changing the nature of Barrier Buster requests in the final quarter of the year.

BY THE NUMBERS

1145
Total Requests Funded
(262% Increase)

$739,742
Total Assistance Provided
(305% Increase)

HIGHLIGHTS

4X increase in the proportion of requests assisting immigrant households

44% increase in requests assisting households with children

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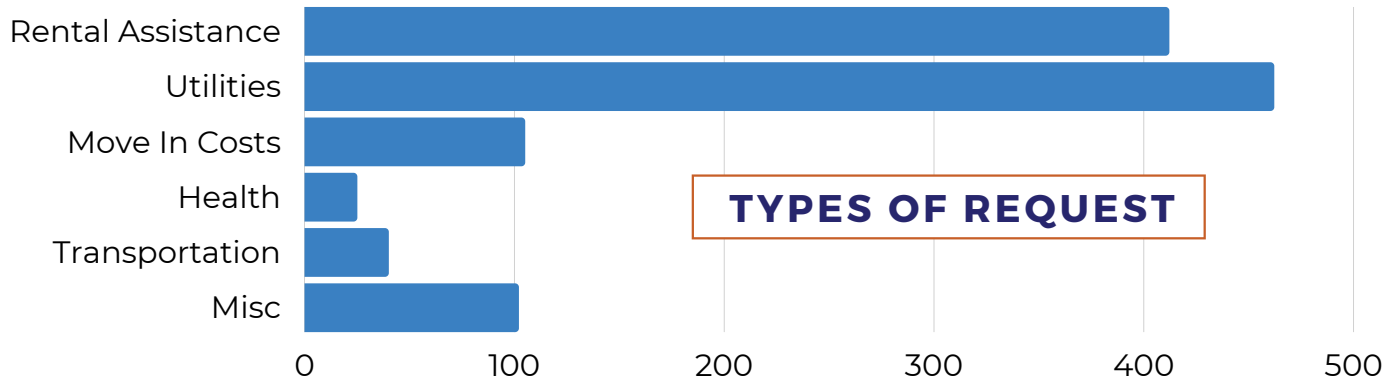

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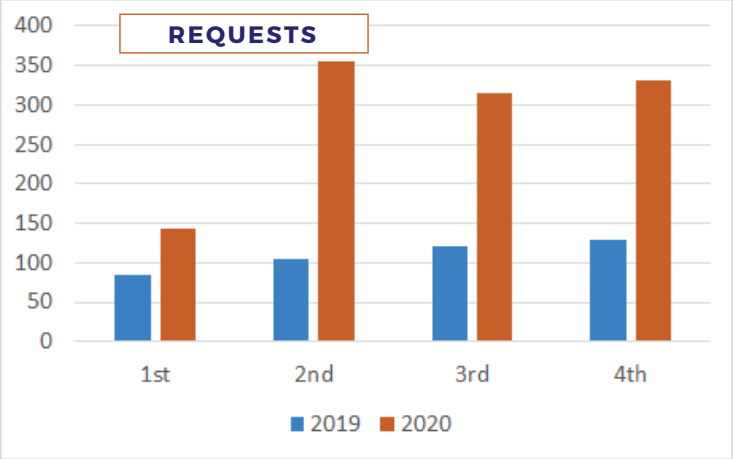

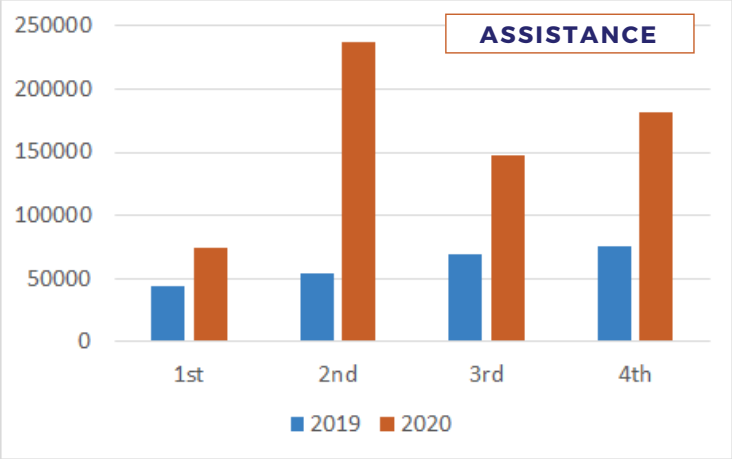

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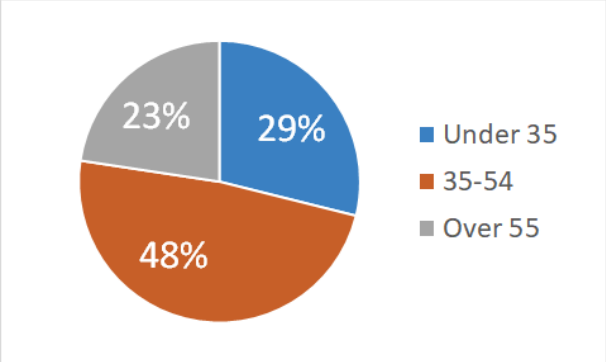

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Total Assistance Provided

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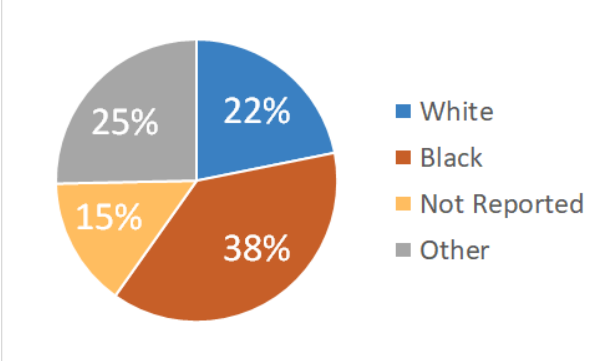

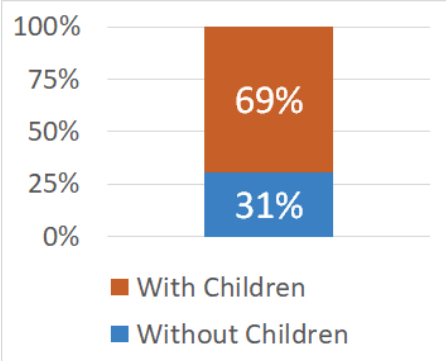

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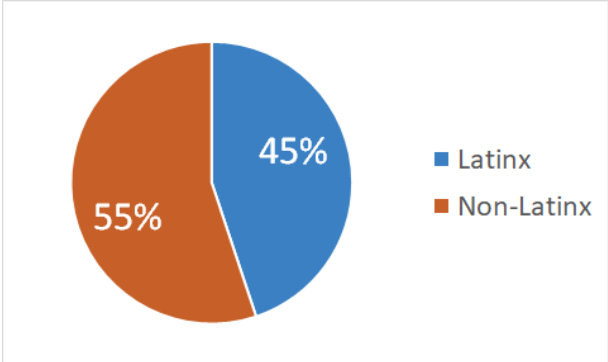

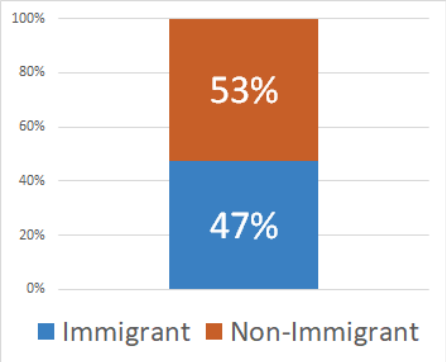

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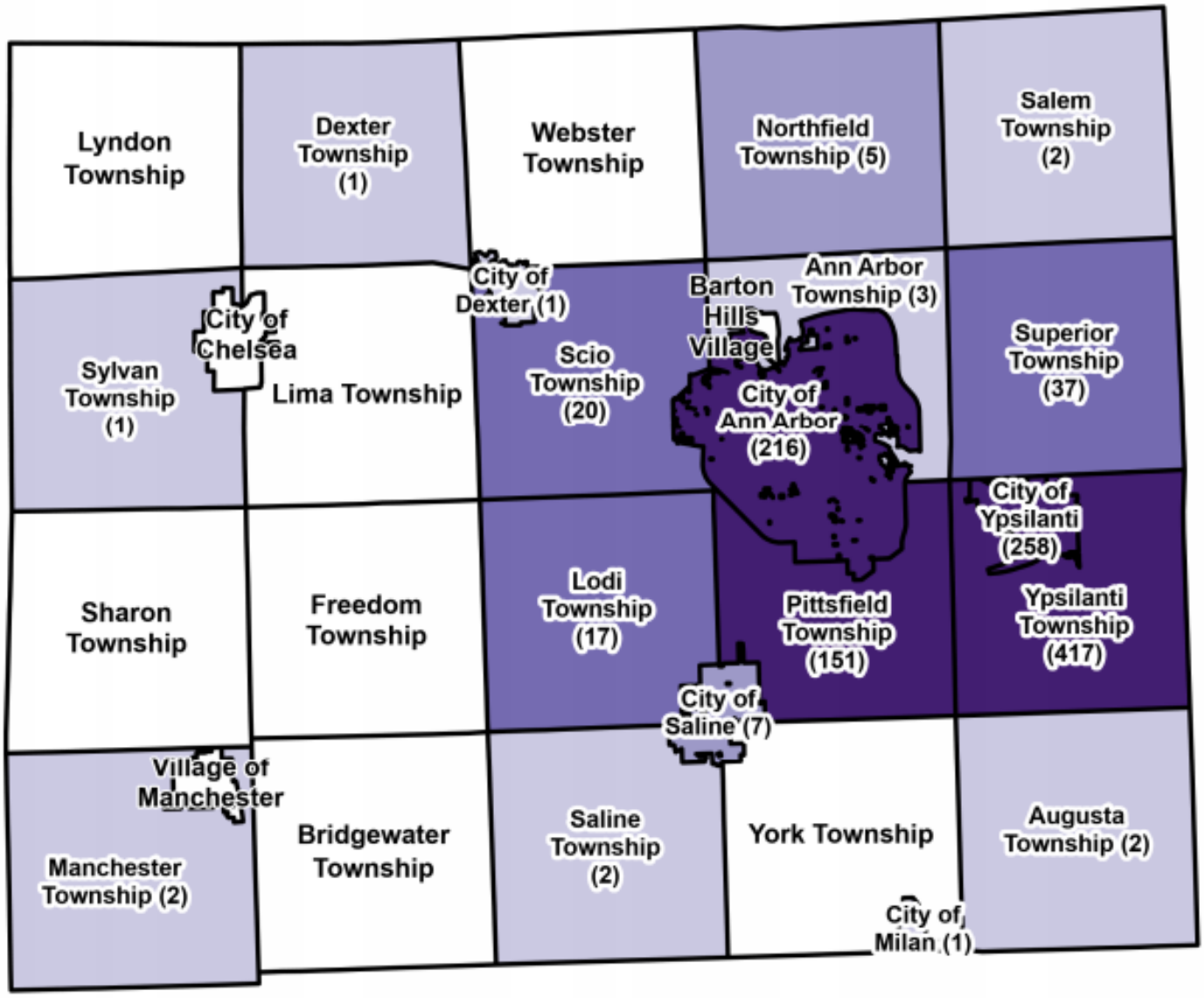
GIS MAP OF REQUESTS



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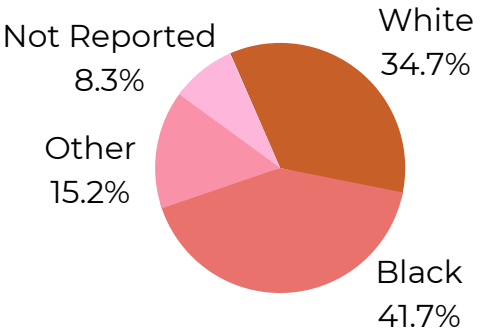
CITY OF ANN ARBOR REPORT

216
Total Requests Funded
18.9% of Countywide Requests

$142,034
Total Assistance Provided
19.2% of Countywide Funds

Demographics

Race



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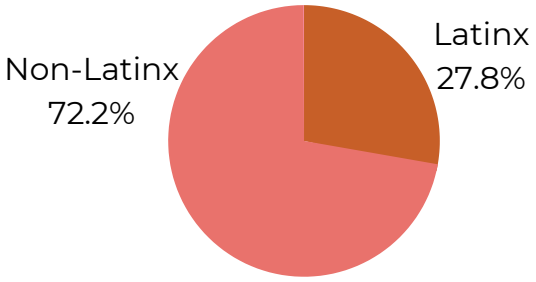

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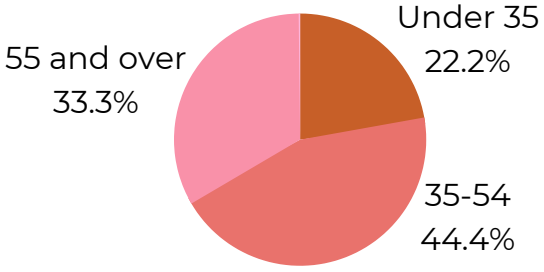

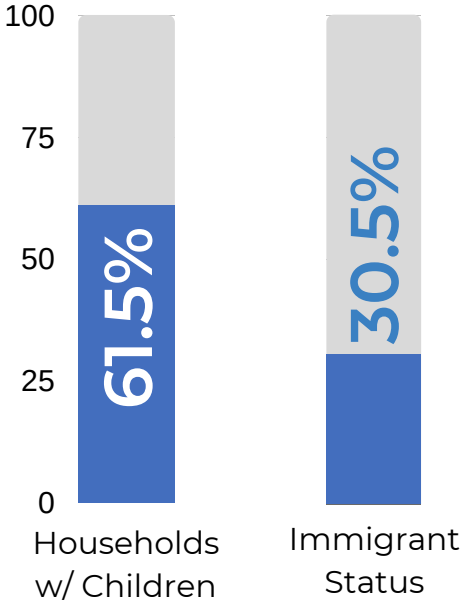

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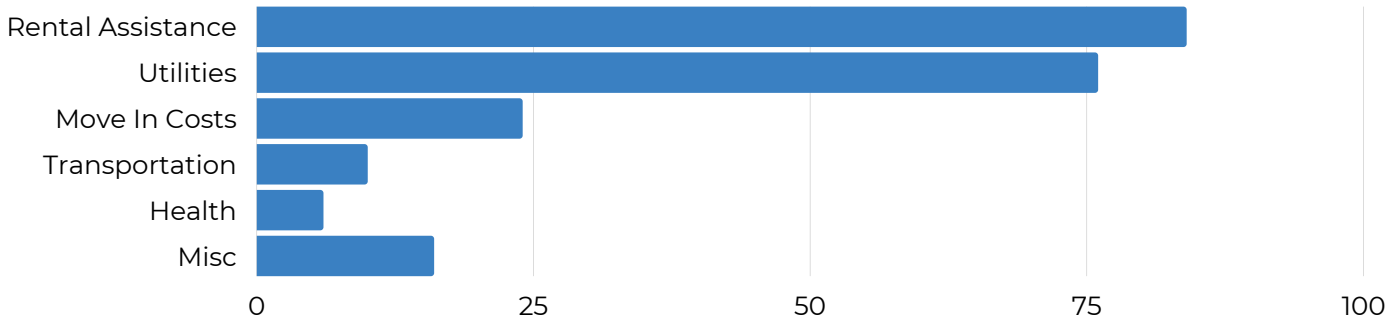

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CITY OF YPSILANTI REPORT

258
Total Requests Funded
22.5% of Countywide Requests

$161,320
Total Assistance Provided
21.8% of Countywide Funds

Demographics

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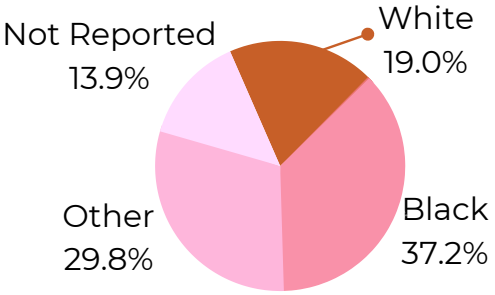

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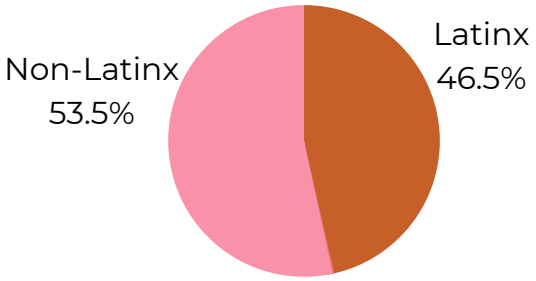

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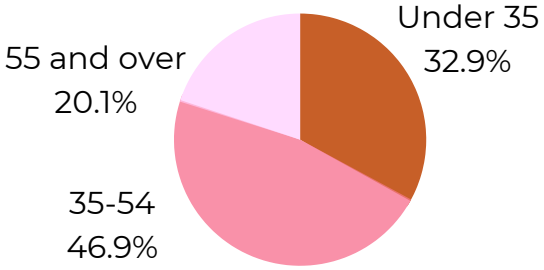

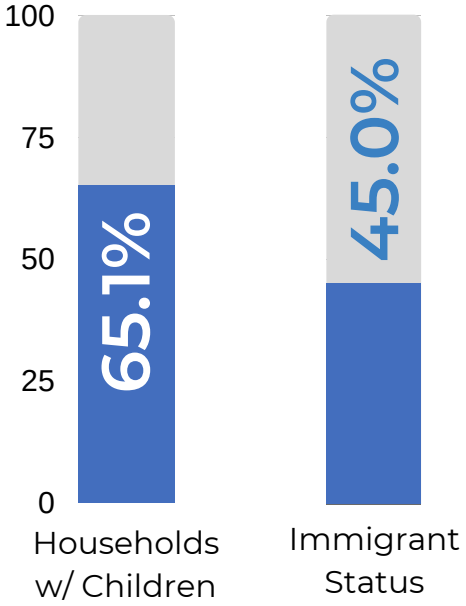

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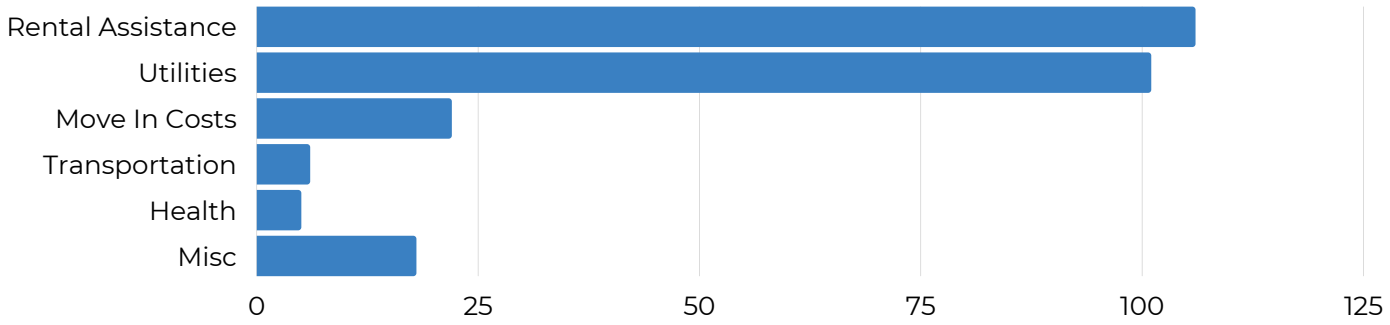

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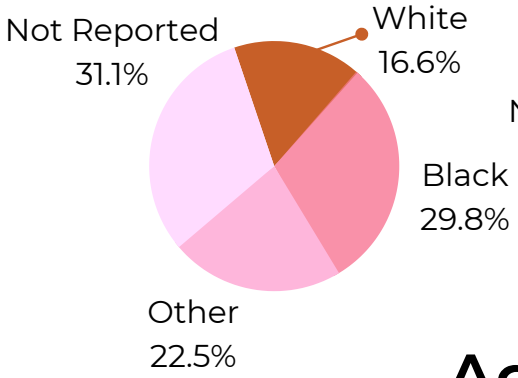
PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP REPORT

151
Total Requests Funded
13.2% of Countywide Requests

$94,661
Total Assistance Provided
12.8% of Countywide Funds

Demographics

Race



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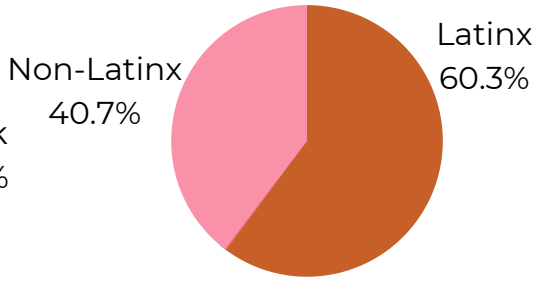

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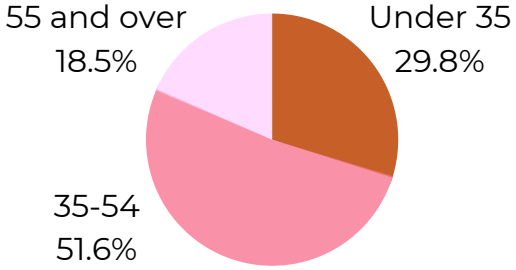

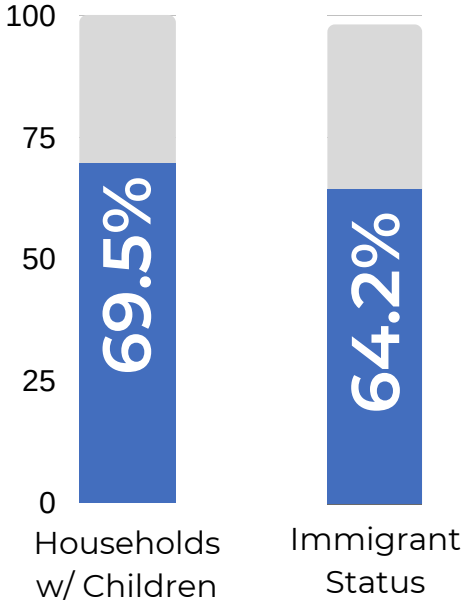

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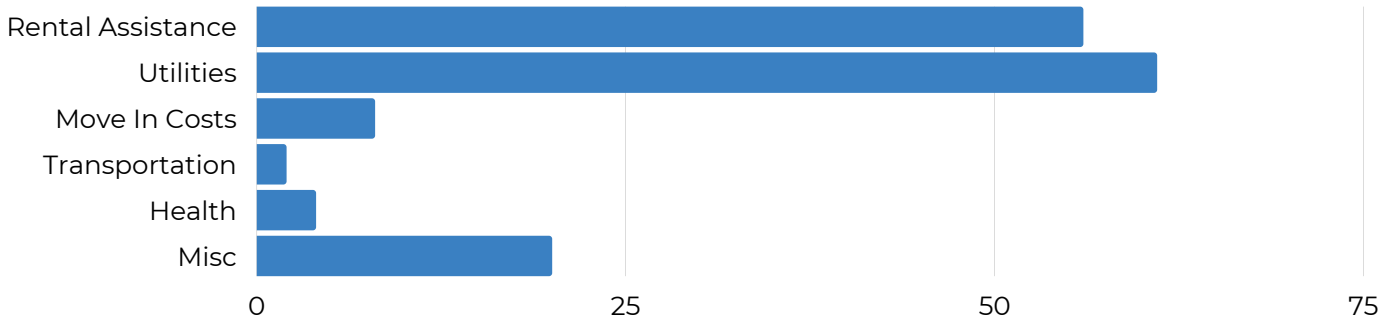

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YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP REPORT

417
Total Requests Funded
36.4% of Countywide Requests

$268,074
Total Assistance Provided
35.8% of Countywide Funds

Demographics

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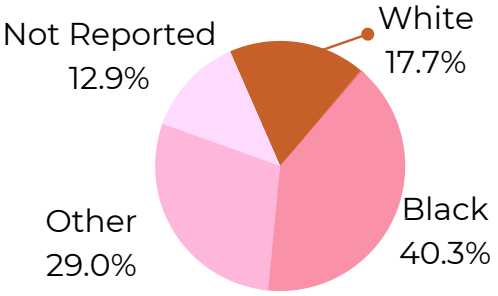

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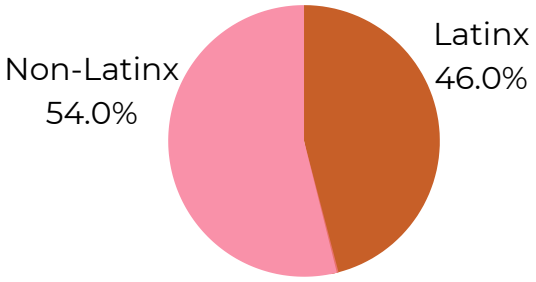

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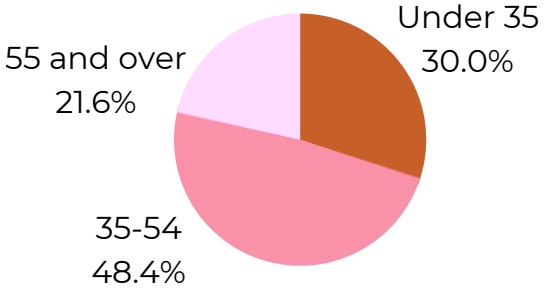

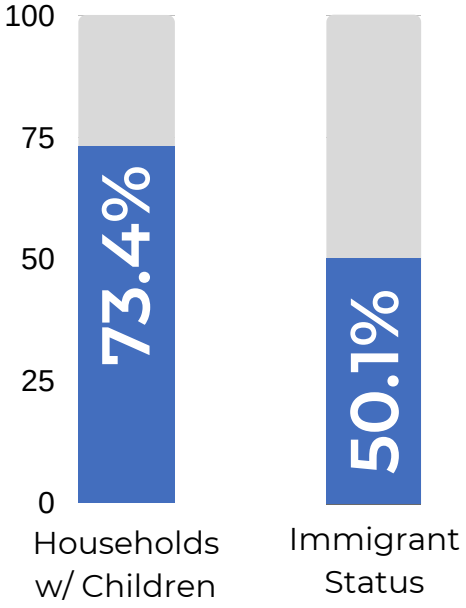
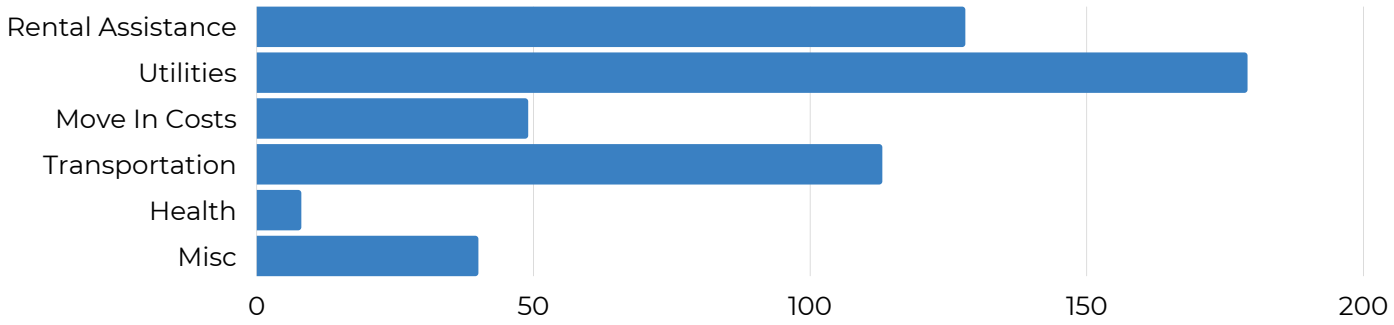
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