


2023–24


Impact Summary

2023–24 Overview




\$4.6M

Total funds distributed to students



3,401

Total students supported



52%

Scholarship recipients who completed their educational goal in the 2023–24 academic year

Since 2020



17,630

Total students supported since inception in 2020

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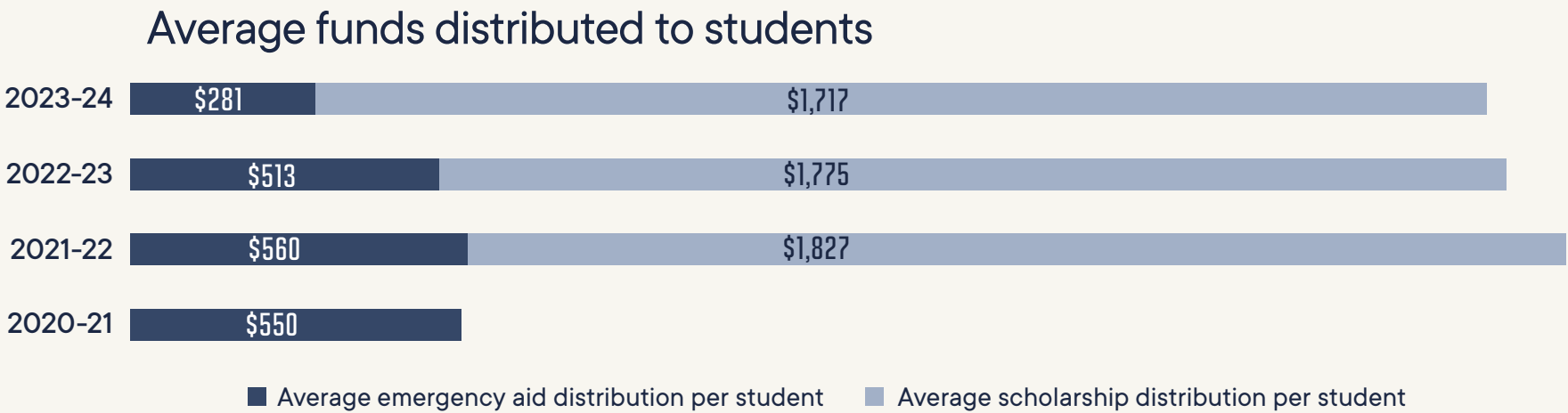
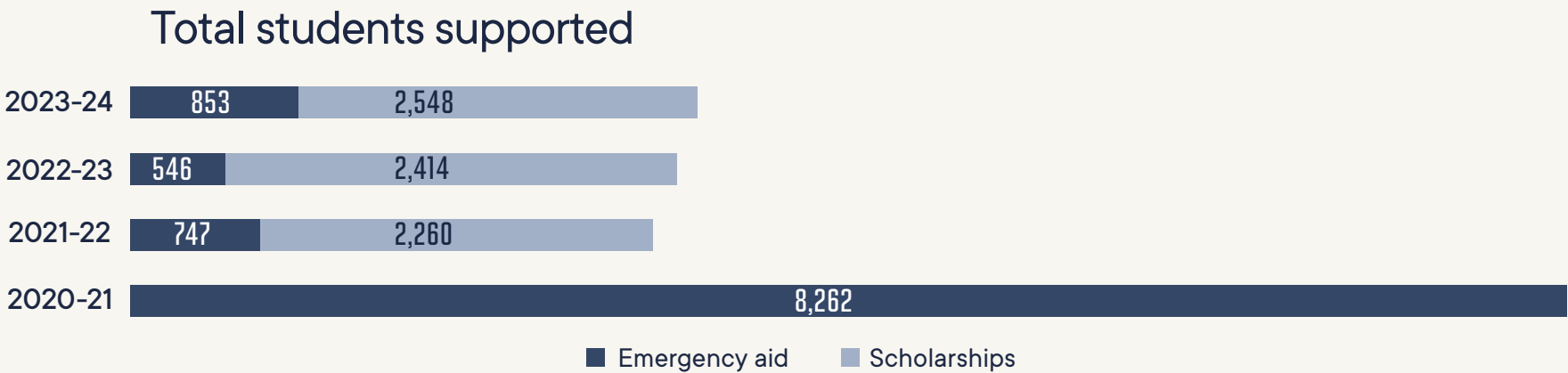
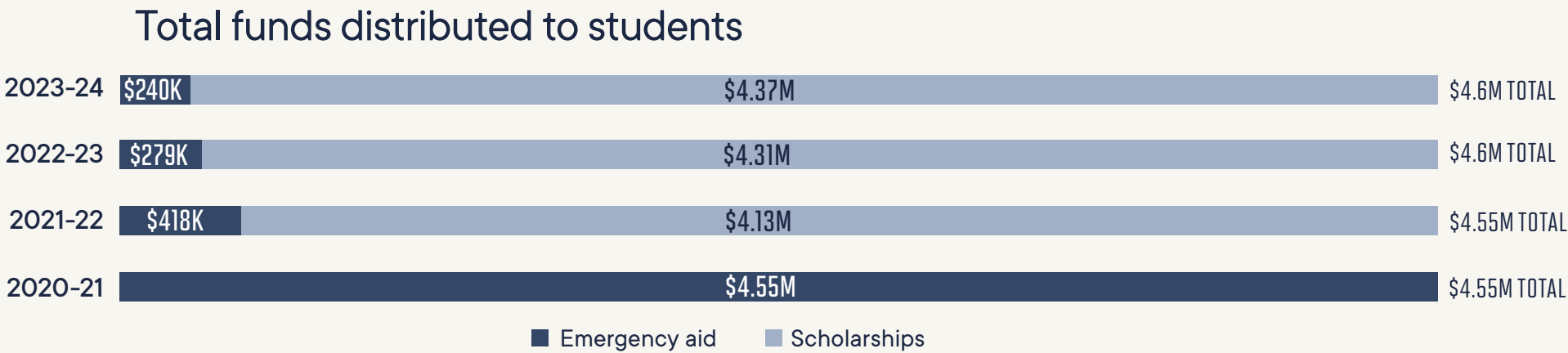


\$18.3M

Total funds distributed since inception in 2020

Student Impact

Eliminating regional achievement gaps through scholarships and emergency financial aid.



About the Program

The **California Community Colleges Finish Line Scholars Program** supports students to ensure they stay on track with their education and complete a degree, certificate, or transfer to a four year college or university. The program is intended to **help eliminate regional educational gaps** through distribution of emergency financial aid to students facing unexpected hardships and scholarships to students who are well on their way toward a finish line goal of transferring to a college or university or completing a certificate or degree.

The Jay Pritzker Foundation **pledged \$100 million over a span of 20 years** to support this program. For the first five years, starting in 2020, **scholarships and emergency financial aid** are being **distributed to students at 34 colleges in three regions of California:** the Inland Empire, the Central Valley, and the Far North.

These three regions have the lowest rates of educational attainment of adults. They also have a high percentage of students without access to broadband, students living below the poverty line, high school students who receive free or reduced price lunch, and other factors that make them a priority. Increasing the number of people who have a college education in these regions will **help decrease poverty and increase local opportunities.**

Contact

For additional information, visit the Finish Line Scholars Program website at **foundationccc.org** or contact **advancement@foundationccc.org**.

Voices *of our* Students

The Finish Line Scholarship was a game-changer for me as **I returned to college as a working wife and mother of three.** The financial burden of student loans was a major concern, but with the scholarships, I was able to pursue my educational goals without accumulating debt. The peace of mind it brought allowed me to focus on my studies, and I'm thrilled to have **graduated with Presidential Honors.**

- Tara H., Lassen College

As a student who is a **first-generation college student** and helping provide for my family, the support of this scholarship helped lift some weight off from my shoulders. From the support of this scholarship program during the spring semester, I was able to accomplish working for the City of Stockton as a Cyber Security Intern and will be working at Sandia National Laboratory as a Research Intern... As a scholarship recipient, this meant a lot for me to **continue my education and work towards my Bachelor's degree in Computer Science at California Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo.**

- Abeyah C., San Joaquin Delta College

Getting the Finish Line Scholarship was like a light at the end of the tunnel for me. It came at a crucial time when I was struggling with doubt and uncertainty about my future. This scholarship wasn't just financial aid; it was a **sign that someone believed in my hard work and efforts, giving me a huge boost of confidence.**

- Sadie H.,
Barstow College



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