What We Do

Deliver Emergency Assistance
Rising America provides emergency assistance to the vulnerable women currently in our program who are survivors of human trafficking, sexual assault, domestic violence, and housing insecurity in California.

Personalized Help, Fast
With the help of our community resources and partners, our caring staff reviews and delivers personalized assistance that addresses each woman’s unique needs and circumstances, including housing, utility bills, and critical transportation. We can work quickly; assistance is usually available within 48 to 72 hours.
Emergency Fund

What Rising America’s Emergency Fund can be applied to:

**Housing Expenses.** Rent, security deposit, taxes or fees

**Legal Expenses.** Emergency legal fees (not all legal fees qualify)

**Childcare/Groceries.** Emergency childcare and/or groceries

**Critical Utilities.** Electricity/gas services, water, garbage, phone/internet

**Transportation.** Automotive expenses, repairs, taxi/rideshare services

Who Qualifies for Assistance?

- Current and active participants in the Rising America programs including Rising Representatives, Safe and Sound Workshop Trainers, and Safe and Sound Bracelet Makers may qualify for assistance.

- Applicants must have an urgent/critical unmet need for emergency assistance.

How do I apply for assistance?

- Applicants should submit Emergency Requests to Rising International’s 24-hour hotline at 831-429-RISE (7473)

What information is required?

- The hotline staff will request information on the emergency situation and unmet needs that require urgent action.
How much emergency assistance will be provided?
You are eligible to receive assistance ranging from $100 to $1,000 depending on unmet needs.

Is this one-time assistance?
Not necessarily but it is for emergency purposes only. You are eligible to apply as needed.

Can you just give the money to me?
Unfortunately, no. Rising International will provide payments directly to vendors to insure that the money is applied to rent, utilities or transportation expenses. If we paid you directly, you would have to report our funds as “income,” which could impact your public benefits.

My family member has loaned me money to help me with my bills. Can you help me pay them back?
No. But if you share a household with that family member, we can pay your portion of the rent and/or shared utilities.

I’ve already received assistance but I am facing another financial crisis. What do I do now?
We can’t guarantee additional funds will be available but our goals is to help when you need us most. We may require proof that the emergency is imminent: for instance, a shut off or termination notice; a past due bill or eviction notice. We will certainly try our best to help you out