Personal safety and economic security are inextricably linked. A survivor with a low credit score may have trouble securing housing, obtaining a job, or purchasing essential goods and services, like a vehicle or a cell phone. A victim’s access to housing and resources can be critical to their safety.

A majority of our borrowers have used their loans to pay towards their bills or utilities. There is a significant need for sustainable assistance going forward when 81% of borrowers earn less than $30,000/year and 34% are surviving on less than $15,000/year.

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