

Theme	Sample Quotations
<p>1) Poverty and IPV mutually reinforce one another</p>	<p><i>I've been depending on him to pay for my rent, for the food and just provide basic necessities...I feel trapped.</i> - 27-year-old English preferring Latina survivor</p> <p><i>I didn't have a car because [abuser] totaled it...I'm a single mom of four kids. So when the whole car situation happened, it was—one, scary, and two—I just had to figure out life. I lost a lot. I lost my client because of it.</i> - 35-year-old English preferring Latina survivor</p>
<p>2) Survivors used CA for basic and safety-related needs</p>	<p><i>I was living in [abuser's] house still...He would do things like shut off the heat...I did find [new housing], but I needed to put in a deposit....Having that money allowed me to put down the deposit to hold the place.</i> - 31-year-old English preferring mixed-race survivor</p> <p><i>It helped me get my baby some clothes, some diapers and wipes...Stuff for the wintertime, 'cause it was getting cold...Food for me to eat. Somewhere to lay my head.</i> - 23-year-old English preferring Black survivor</p>
<p>3) CA provided emotional relief and empowerment</p>	<p><i>I said to myself, I might lose everything I have because I won't have that person anymore. That fear stayed with me until the day I received that gift card, and they said "this is some help for you".</i> - 51-year-old Spanish preferring Latina survivor</p> <p><i>It gave me a little push, a little bit of independence...it helped me stay on route with my healing. It made it more realistic...It made me feel like I can't sit here and keep going back to somebody that's just gonna keep beating me up.</i> - 31-year-old English preferring Latina survivor</p>
<p>4) Unconditional CA preserved dignity, accessibility, and improved trust and engagement</p>	<p><i>Usually when you get resources that help you financially, they tend to ask for so many different proofs and save the receipts. It makes it a little bit hostile...To not feel as watched [in this program], made me feel more independent, like you guys trust me.</i> - 27-year-old English preferring Latina survivor</p> <p><i>I didn't trust anybody that I communicated with [before]. My worker that got the gift card helped with the trust....Now I call my worker a whole lot more. I can really open up and say what I need help with because I know she's gonna make it happen.</i> - 52-year-old English preferring Black survivor</p>
<p>5) CA was limited in amount and scope</p>	<p><i>It wasn't enough. Since I don't have a steady job, rent has been a problem. And then, I have children in Ecuador, and sometimes they need food, so all of this is a big source of stress.</i> - 46-year-old Spanish preferring Latina survivor</p> <p><i>\$500 may be able to put some food in the refrigerator. But if what they really need is to get out [of an IPV situation], can we give them more options by giving them more money? And what is that number?</i> - 42-year-old CA program funder</p>