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More Than Bootstraps Awarded \$1,000 Grant from FutureMap
The grant will support a paid internship for a first-generation college student
to assess the MTB College Access and Success Program

WESTFIELD and PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY – March 28, 2023. [More Than Bootstraps](https://www.morethanbootstraps.org) (MTB), a New Jersey non-profit organization, has received a \$1,000 First-Gen Job Creation Micro-Grant from FutureMap to support its college access and success work in Passaic, New Jersey. FutureMap is a social enterprise and business focused on serving first-generation college students in the college-to-career transition.

More Than Bootstraps was selected to receive the grant based on its work addressing the challenges first-generation, low-income students face in getting to and succeeding in higher education. MTB builds on these students' strengths to create a sustainable pathway to and through college. The organization provides first-generation high school students with near-peer mentors -- current college students from their community. College student mentors meet weekly with their high school mentees and follow a curriculum of activities focused on personal and professional development, college and financial aid awareness, and communication with families. Once a month, the full group convenes for workshops and guest presentations.

Grants and donations to More Than Bootstraps fund the monthly stipends that allow the high school and college students in the program some time and space to devote to their professional development and college-going activities while still meeting their financial responsibilities.

The grant from the FutureMap will fund a paid internship for a first-generation college student who will assess the impact of MTB's near-peer mentoring model.

"As we wind down our third year of programming and gear up for our fourth year, we are enormously grateful for the recognition of our program's contribution to the higher-education success of first-generation students," said **Audrey Fisch**, president of More Than Bootstraps. "The grant from FutureMap will allow us to complete important assessment work while staying true to our vision of putting funds and responsibility in the hands of first-generation college students."

Interested donors are invited to visit the MTB website: www.morethanbootstraps.org/donate.

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About **MORE THAN BOOTSTRAPS**

More Than Bootstraps builds a community of first-generation, underrepresented students who empower each other to access and succeed in higher education. *More Than Bootstraps is a 501(c)3 organization, Tax ID 83-2245008.* For more information, visit www.morethanbootstraps.org or call (908) 397-0893.

MTB DIGITAL PRESS KIT: www.morethanbootstraps.org/mtb-digital-press-kit



About **FutureMap**

FutureMap was originally started as a nonprofit and passion project, focused on serving first-generation college students in the college-to-career transition. Now, we are a social enterprise and business, hoping to scale our impact beyond what we were able to do as a volunteer-driven organization! For more information, visit <https://www.yourfuturemap.co/about-us>.



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