



BUTTE STRONG

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The Butte Strong Fund has approved more than \$400,000 in new grants, including support for a program that builds tiny homes and another that provides furniture and household goods to Camp Fire survivors.

The Butte Strong Fund is a partnership of fundraising efforts led by North Valley Community Foundation, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. and NFL quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

With the latest grants totaling \$434,220, NVCF has now awarded \$47,137,160 for community recovery since the Camp Fire on Nov. 8, 2018.

The largest grant was for \$204,000 to the Tiny Pine Foundation, a nonprofit based in Oroville that has been building and donating tiny homes to fire survivors who live in unincorporated areas of Butte County.

The grant will provide funding for two years of staffing for the Tiny Pine Foundation, which has already provided 27 tiny homes or trailers to Camp Fire survivors and has an additional 17 in the works. The new funding will allow for an additional eight to 10 permanent homes during the two-year period.

A grant of \$150,000 will support Inspire Hope, a project run by the Feather River Health Foundation in Paradise. Inspire Hope serves as a local redistribution center for household items from World Vision, an international nonprofit that receives donations

from businesses. Inspire Hope then distributes items to nonprofit partners working with Camp Fire survivors. Among the items distributed are furniture, toys, clothing, shoes, household items, food, bedding and personal hygiene products.

Other Butte Strong Fund grants awarded include:

- \$50,000 to Magalia Community Church for a program that provides furniture to Camp Fire survivors. The grant will help the church's resource center stay open for three days a week and keep the furniture program open two days a week. Currently the center provides food, clothing and small household items to more than 500 people who are continuing to stay in the area while they rebuild or are waiting for funds from lawsuit settlement funds. The resource center is also serving as a redistribution center for goods coming into the region from World Vision. The grant supports two workers to manage and arrange pick up of furniture and food.
- \$23,220 to From the Ground Up Farms for its tool lending program. The grant supports equipment maintenance, the expansion of the current workspace with a metal shop building, safety gear and a stipend to staff the tool lending library.
- \$7,000 to Northern Valley Catholic Social Service to provide basic and immediate needs for Camp Fire survivors who were impacted a second time by 2021 fires.

Organizations interested in applying for Butte Strong Fund grants can visit nvcf.org/buttestrongfund to determine if they qualify for funding. Donations to the fund can also be made on the web page.