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The Butte Strong Fund committee approved several grants in the past month, including money for a community center in Magalia, a food pantry in Paradise, generators, housing, tree removal, Meals on Wheels and kits that provide household items for new homes.

With the latest grants, the North Valley Community Foundation has awarded more than \$31 million for community recovery via the Butte Strong Fund, Camp Fire Relief Fund and donor-designated funds.

The Butte Strong Fund is a partnership of fundraising efforts led by NVCF, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. and Aaron Rodgers, the Green Bay Packers quarterback and Chico native.

Recent grants included:

- Meals on Wheels: A \$30,000 grant will help Chico Meals on Wheels deliver meals on the ridge because Paradise Meals on Wheels no longer exists.
- Welcome home kits: A \$20,000 grant to Throwing Starfish Foundation will augment an earlier Butte Strong Fund grant that provides kitchen essentials and other household items. The proposal covers 150 of the welcome home kits.
- Home-share program: A \$49,100 grant will provide funding for a new home-share program. Home and Heart is an affordable housing solution that offers to connect older adults in Butte County who have extra rooms in their houses

(home providers) with members of the community in need of housing (home seekers), particularly those who lost housing in the Camp Fire.

- Housing for Camp Fire survivors: A grant of \$16,703 will help the Jesus Center open the Sequoia House, a four-bedroom group home that will provide bridge housing for low-income Camp Fire survivors who have a difficult time affording housing.
- Water jugs for ridge residents: A \$25,000 grant will allow the Paradise Irrigation District to distribute 1,000 five-gallon water jugs to families that need them. PID's bottled water distribution will end in March. Though most customers will have potable water, the jugs will allow residents to fill the jugs at PID water filling stations.
- Paradise food pantry: A \$16,595 grant will help the First Christian Church of Paradise continue to stock a food pantry. The church says it is serving roughly 150 families each month by providing food, including fresh meat, fruits and vegetables.
- Generators for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities: A \$50,000 pass-through grant from PG&E will allow the Far Northern Regional Center to supply clients who live in the burn scar with generators. The Far Northern Regional Center will choose recipients who need assistance with day-to-day living, are medically fragile or need electricity to power lifesaving equipment during PG&E power shutdowns.
- Community impact coordinators: A \$24,960 grant will provide funding for two part-time staff members and funding for unmet needs so Next Generation Churches can continue the second year of its relief program for ridge residents.
- Tree removal: A \$50,000 grant will help Paradise Alliance Church with a new service that will help residents who don't qualify for the government program to remove trees and provide defensible space on their property. The program will partner with the Fuels Reduction Assistance Program.
- Gridley youth center: A \$50,000 grant will provide programs at the Gridley Live Spot Youth Center, which has seen an influx of young Camp Fire survivors. The program services about 20 middle school and high school students daily in a safe, supportive after-school setting. The program provides food, counseling, mentoring and community service opportunities.
- Magalia Community Center: A \$50,000 grant will help develop the Magalia Community Center. The former golf course clubhouse was designed as a conference center and affords 2,000 square feet of space that can accommodate up to 150 people for an assembly.
- Unmet needs assessment: A \$6,000 grant provided gift cards for the Camp Fire Long Term Recovery Group to offer to participants in the World Renew needs assessment in January. The data gathered from the assessment will be critical to secure additional resources to address the unmet needs in the community.

- Butte County Fire Safe Council projects: A \$50,000 grant will connect fire survivors with projects aimed at wildfire recovery, safety programs and other resources.
- Federal government outreach: A grant of \$5,500 will help fund an outreach event for the federal Administration on Community Living to hear feedback and identify shortcomings and ways to improve the health and safety of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Orland Police Department K-9 program: A \$13,000 grant will help pay for training, equipment, veterinarian visits and dog food for a police dog for the city, which has seen an infusion of new residents since the fire.

The Butte Strong Fund provides funding for eligible organizations or local government entities that are directly serving people affected by the Camp Fire. Individual assistance is handled through those organizations.

Organizations interested in applying for Butte Strong Fund grants can visit [ButteStrongFund.org](https://ButteStrongFund.org) to determine if they qualify for funding. Those that do can submit a brief grant inquiry before being invited to submit a full application. Staff at NVCF will facilitate the application process.

The Butte Strong Fund is still receiving donations. Tax-deductible donations can be sent to Butte Strong Fund, 240 Main St., Suite 260, Chico, CA 95928 or by visiting [www.buttestrongfund.org](https://www.buttestrongfund.org).