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The Butte Strong Fund has approved grants to keep Butte County schools staffed with counselors for the rest of the school year, as well as to keep a county-run community support center in Paradise for another year.

With the latest grants, the North Valley Community Foundation has awarded more than \$36 million for community recovery via the Butte Strong Fund, Camp Fire Relief Fund and donor-designated funds.

A grant from the Butte Strong Fund established the Trauma Response and Recovery Project through the Butte County Office of Education after the Camp Fire. The effort allowed BCOE to provide counselors to all Butte County schools for students, staff and families. Fifteen counselors and two coordinators serve the schools.

The initial Butte Strong Fund grant was augmented by additional funding from the Center for Disaster Philanthropy and California Fire Foundation, totaling \$1.7 million. The grant approved Friday will provide \$358,142 so BCOE can continue the program through the end of the school year.

The Butte Strong Fund also approved a \$50,000 grant to pay for the facility that houses the Paradise Service Center for the county's Department of Behavioral Health and the Department of Employment and Social Services.

The county opened the satellite office after the Camp Fire with the help of a Butte Strong Fund grant that paid the lease for the building on Skyway.

The Paradise Center houses adult mental health services, social support, employment and eligibility services, disaster case management and counseling.

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.

Organizations interested in applying for Butte Strong Fund grants can visit ButteStrongFund.org to determine if they qualify for funding.