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The Butte Strong Fund has approved nearly \$400,000 in new grants, including support for a construction workforce training program at Butte College, housing for adults with developmental disabilities, an effort to distribute locally grown food in the burn area and a clean and sober housing facility that includes Camp Fire survivors.

With the latest grants, the North Valley Community Foundation has awarded \$36,944,422 for community recovery via fire funds.

The Butte College program will allow students to get rapid training in construction skills so students can put that knowledge to work in the rebuilding process. Local contractors say skilled labor is a vital need. The grant of \$151,531 will help Butte College and the Alliance for Workforce Development get the program started while the college pursues long-term grant funding.

A grant of \$131,000 will allow New Beginnings Housing Foundation to make repairs on its homes for adults with developmental disabilities and also provide organizational support for the program.

The Butte County Local Food Network received a \$60,000 grant to help deliver locally grown food to fire survivors in Concow, Magalia and other burned areas. The organization's Market Mobile van is already operational. The grant will provide support, including gift cards for people in need. Learn more about the Butte County Local Food Network at bclocalfood.org.

A grant of \$27,200 will help rehabilitate five houses and six bunkhouses operated by Victory Village clean and sober housing in Bangor. The completed project will provide shelter for Camp Fire survivors. Victory Village hopes to complete the project by April and will work with the county, housing advocates and case managers on outreach to fire survivors.

In addition to the latest grants, the Butte Strong Fund has also expanded its guidelines for housing grants. The committee will now also consider funding for construction materials for nonprofits using volunteer labor to rebuild affordable housing, nonprofits helping fire survivors navigate complex rebuilding questions and grants to nonprofits for land acquisition to provide low-income and affordable housing in the burn scar.

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 nvcf.org/buttestrongfund to determine if they qualify for funding.