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The North Valley Community Foundation has granted \$25,000 to five organizations for emergency relief during the current onslaught of winter storms and has opened a fund for others to contribute to the response efforts.

The Disaster Immediate Relief Fund opened with donations from NVCF and the Aaron Rodgers NorCal Recovery Fund at NVCF. Five organizations were awarded \$5,000 grants to aid their relief efforts in areas hit hard by snow and rain. They include the Wildfire Resource and Recovery Center in Oroville, Magalia Community Church, Oroville Hope Center, Disability Action Center and Safe Space Winter Shelter.

“The cumulative effects of these constant storms are having disastrous consequences in our area, often in communities that are still trying to recover from wildfires,” said Alexa Benson-Valavanis, NVCF president and CEO. “In times like these, everybody plays to their strengths. We know there are many organizations and individuals doing vital work. What they need most is cash donations to buy things like food, blankets, propane and other life-saving items. Our strength is our network of kindhearted people who want to give to those efforts but are unsure how to go about it. They know we will get their donations in the right hands.

“This fund will allow us to make these proactive grants today and more later as new needs arise and donations come in. NVCF is committing the first \$50,000 and will have the first round of vital grants deployed today,” she said.

NVCF is developing the process and will announce soon how organizations can apply for grants. To learn more and to donate, go to nvcf.org/disaster-immediate-relief-fund.