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The Butte Strong Fund has committed \$400,000 in a grant to Rebuild Paradise Foundation to fund most of the organization's operations for two more years.

Rebuild Paradise has two significant grant programs for families. One helps with the cost of rebuilding septic systems. The other is the Missing Middle grant program that helps low-income and middle-income households with pre-construction costs. Rebuild Paradise has awarded 482 grants to individuals totaling \$1,687,759.

Rebuild Paradise Foundation does this with a small office on Skyway and three employees.

"Rebuild Paradise Foundation has been a vital partner in helping people, especially those with few resources, work through the often-complicated rebuilding process," said Chris Copeland, a program officer for NVCF. "Our citizens committee felt it was important to ensure that Rebuild Paradise stays in operation for at least two more years. This grant will allow them to focus more on helping people and less on raising money."

Rebuild Paradise was incubated at North Valley Community Foundation and has been a longtime partner. The Butte Strong Fund has been a big financial supporter of Rebuild Paradise, with \$750,000 in grants committed for the Missing Middle program and \$875,000 for the septic grants.

In addition to the grants to individuals, Rebuild Paradise has branched out into other services. It offers a floor plan library with approved plans for dozens of homes. It also

uses a donated drone to help engineers do site planning for lots, which comes in handy on the ridge's hilly parcels. It's estimated that a drone survey of a half-acre lot saves about \$1,200 in added costs.

"We are so grateful for the continual partnership and support from NVCF and the Butte Strong Fund," said Jen Goodlin, executive director of Rebuild Paradise. "This newly awarded capacity grant will help us continue many of our impactful programs including our master floor plan library, our grant programs and mapping resources. Now we will have further opportunity to find new ways to support the rebuilding efforts in the Camp Fire footprint. We truly love being part of the Ridge community and its ever-changing, exciting and beautiful growth."

With the latest grants, NVCF has funded \$56,914,436 through grants and projects since the Camp Fire on Nov. 8, 2018.

Other Butte Strong Fund grants awarded the past two months include:

- \$145,000 to support the Love Gives program operated by Paradise Adventist Church. Love Gives partners with Camp Fire Collaborative, Magalia Community Church and Adventist Health's Inspire Hope Project to distribute free furniture and other household items received from large retailers. Over the previous 12 months, Love Gives distributed more than \$1,354,000 worth of mostly new furniture and household items to more than 1,100 adults and 475 children in the fire footprint. The grant pays for three part-time positions in the warehouse and office, as well as other operational expenses.
- \$18,520 to continue to provide a mental health counselor at Spring Valley School near Concow. The on-campus counselor supports staff and students with healthy strategies to cope with trauma.
- \$12,000 to Integrative Medical Clinic Foundation to provide its Imagine You training in Spanish. The training is for second responders and community members.
- \$25,000 to Magalia Community Church for operational costs to continue distributing food, clothing, furniture and other donated items. The network of organizations and businesses that donate to the church include World Vision, food banks, Trader Joe's, Grocery Outlet and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- \$22,300 to Ridge Quilters' Guild to expand the quilt making and distribution, as well as providing more displays, shows and community outreach.

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.