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A grant has been awarded by the North Valley Community Foundation that will waive the cost of temporary housing permits for Bear/North Complex Fire survivors who want to return to their properties.

The \$34,500 grant was awarded to Butte County government so the county can waive the cost of the permits, which can be as much as \$691. The permits are required for residents to move back temporarily, even in recreational vehicles. The county checks for safe drinking water, sanitary wastewater and access to electric utilities.

The grant will help at least 50 households. As of mid-April, the county said only 14 of the permits had been applied for inside the North Complex Fire footprint.

The county is still working on final details of the program. Residents of the fire footprint who want to learn more can call Sonia Nelson, rebuilding advocate, at (530) 552-3649 or email her at snelson@buttecounty.net

NVCF also approved a \$5,000 grant so Northern Valley Catholic Social Service could hand out gift cards to fire survivors at the Resource Roundup event in May. The event to answer questions and connect fire survivors to resources was hosted by the Bear Fire Long-Term Recovery Group.

NVCF's Wildfire Relief and Recovery Fund has now issued \$743,040 in grants for Bear/North Complex Fire survivors.

For more information on the Bear/North Complex Fire Grant Program, including information on how nonprofits and government agencies can apply, visit

www.nvcf.org/north-complex-fire-grant-program. Donations can be made to the fund through the website as well.

Bear/North Complex Fire survivors who need help can learn more at <https://211northcomplexfire.org> or by calling 211.