

## **FUND**



AARON RODGERS NORCAL FIRE RECOVERY FUND at NVCF



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The Butte Strong Fund today approved \$140,000 in grants to several organizations serving Camp Fire survivors to help with urgent needs for coronavirus impacts.

The Butte Strong Fund has issued hundreds of grants since Nov. 8, 2018, to organizations serving fire survivors as part of its "help the helpers" strategy. Organizations normally submit grant proposals for specific work or projects. In this case the NVCF's internal committee decided to issue grants without requests so the vital help could be deployed more rapidly.

"We have wonderful working relationships with community organizations that have been helping and supporting Camp Fire survivors with grants from us," said Alexa Benson-Valavanis, president and CEO of NVCF. "We knew they would need help distributing vital items like food, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies or improving living conditions for many.

"These grants from Butte Strong Fund donations will help survivors who have already been impacted by one disaster and now face another different kind of crisis. We're grateful to these partner organizations that reach so many fire survivors."

The grants include \$50,000 to the Oroville Hope Center, which serves as a distribution center for the Paradise Hope Center, several churches, nonprofits and schools in the burn area. Grants of \$10,000 were awarded to Magalia Community Church, Paradise Alliance Church, Meals on Wheels, Passages, Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council, Community Resource Coalition, First Baptist Church of Magalia, First Baptist Church of Paradise and First Christian Church of Paradise.

The North Valley Community Foundation has awarded more than \$32 million for community recovery via the Butte Strong Fund, Camp Fire Relief Fund and donor-designated funds.

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.

The Butte Strong Fund provides funding for eligible organizations or local government entities that are directly serving people affected by the Camp Fire. Individual assistance is handled through those organizations.

The Butte Strong Fund is still receiving donations. Tax-deductible donations can be sent to Butte Strong Fund, 240 Main St., Suite 260, Chico, CA 95928 or by visiting <a href="https://www.buttestrongfund.org">www.buttestrongfund.org</a>.