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The North Valley Community Foundation's Butte Strong Fund has committed an additional \$1 million for cash assistance to Camp Fire survivors, \$500,000 to keep tree removals on track, a grant that will help restore ambulance service to Paradise and money to fund two recovery centers in Magalia.

With the latest grants, the North Valley Community Foundation has granted \$21 million for community recovery via the Butte Strong Fund, Camp Fire Relief Fund and donor-designated funds. Of that, so far, more than \$5.7 million is in cash assistance from the NVCF. That includes the latest \$1 million that the Butte Strong Fund committee added to the account to be distributed by partner organizations working through Butte 2-1-1 and a centralized case management system.

The NVCF funded caseworker positions because there weren't enough government-funded positions to address the need. Though there's still a waiting list for new requesters to be connected with an available case manager, more funds are getting to Camp Fire survivors – about \$200,000 a week.

"Our financial assistance program is a vital part of our recovery work," said Giovanni Tricerri, NVCF director of response and recovery. "The Butte Strong Fund is committed to continue providing financial assistance to Camp Fire survivors as part of our overall efforts for long-term recovery. Thankfully the more robust system that we helped fund is getting that help more quickly now to those who need it."

The Butte Strong Fund also committed \$500,000 to the Butte County Fire Safe Council to keep tree removal projects moving. The town of Paradise and Butte County are

hopeful that FEMA will pay for the costs of removing dead and dying trees from the burned area. The grant, however, will allow the Fire Safe Council to continue its effort to get as many trees as possible removed before the rainy season hits.

A \$49,000 grant to Adventist Health Feather River will help pay for a facility to allow ambulance service to return to Paradise. The Butte EMS ambulance station in Paradise was destroyed in the Camp Fire. The subsidy, augmented by the Feather River Health Foundation, will re-establish a base station in Paradise, enable 24/7 ambulance service and reduce ambulance response time to pre-fire levels.

A \$50,000 grant to the Magalia Community Church will keep its Resource and Recovery Center in operation. The church said it assists hundreds of Camp Fire survivors each day. Services include RV spaces, food, clothing, counseling, and laundry and shower facilities. The grant will help the center with utilities, repairs and maintenance, gas and propane cards, and a fund that pays outstanding bills for survivors in need.

A \$22,900 grant request will allow the Magalia Pines Recovery Center, run by the Magalia Pines Baptist Church, to upgrade its temporary facility. The upgrade will include a temporary office area for case management.

A \$5,671 grant will allow the Yankee Hill Historical Society to rent toilets and hand-washing stations at the restored Messilla Valley Schoolhouse at 11666 Concow Road. The facility receives significant use because it's the only community meeting space in Concow.

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.

Organizations interested in applying for Butte Strong Fund grants can visit ButteStrongFund.org to determine if they qualify for funding. Those that do can submit a brief grant inquiry before being invited to submit a full application. Staff at NVCF will facilitate the application process.

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 www.buttestrongfund.org.