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New grants from the North Valley Community Foundation will help ramp up the production of face shields for health care workers and help start a food delivery service for Camp Fire survivors.

The nearly \$25,000 in grants come from NVCF's Coronavirus (COVID-19) Rapid Response Fund and, in the case of the food delivery effort, the Butte Strong Fund.

Two of the grants will help fund volunteer efforts to make face shields for health care workers. Amid a national shortage of personal protective equipment, local experts are stepping up to help.

Chico State University's engineering and science faculty have answered the call. The campus is closed, but faculty and students have volunteered to print the plastic visors for face shields on home 3D printers. A grant of \$2,560 will pay for supplies for the students and faculty working from home. Through the volunteer network, they hope to produce 100 to 200 a day. Enloe Medical Center has requested 3,000. The shields will be donated.

NomadRC, which is producing 300 shields to donate to Oroville Hospital, received a grant of \$5,768 so it can ramp up production as well.

A \$5,000 grant from the Butte Strong Fund will support the Love Delivers Project run by volunteers from Paradise Adventist Church and Love Paradise. The project aims to help a minimum of 250 Camp Fire survivors who are living within the burn scar. Volunteers will help with daily grocery deliveries during the shelter-in-place mandate to decrease their risk of exposure. The grant was matched by \$5,000 from the Feather River Health Foundation and \$5,000 from the Paradise Rotary Foundation.

Other grants from the Coronavirus Rapid Response Fund include \$830 for hand sanitizer to be donated to several local service providers such as the Torres Shelter and Jesus Center, \$5,000 to the Hungry Wildcat Food Pantry at Chico State and \$5,000 to the Esplanade House.

NVCF and its donors have pumped \$645,558 into the North Valley for coronavirus relief. That includes a \$250,000 grant from NVCF's operating fund to Butte County Public Health for lab testing equipment and \$180,000 in Butte Strong Fund grants for organizations helping with coronavirus response in the Camp Fire area.

"People are at their best when we need them to be. We consistently see that during a crisis," said Alexa Benson-Valavanis, NVCF president and CEO. "From the donors who want to help others to the hobbyists learning to print face shields in their homes, we see proof every day that people look out for one another."

For more information on how to donate to the Coronavirus Rapid Response Fund, see [www.nvcf.org/coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-response](http://www.nvcf.org/coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-response).