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# BUTTE STRONG

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The Butte Strong Fund committee approved several grants this month, including an additional \$1 million for direct assistance to Camp Fire survivors, \$200,000 for housing for adults with developmental disabilities and seed money for an early childhood health and wellness facility for Butte County.

With the latest grants, the North Valley Community Foundation has awarded more than \$29.3 million for community recovery via the Butte Strong Fund, Camp Fire Relief Fund and donor-designated funds.

"This additional \$1 million allocated for direct financial assistance continues our investment in making sure local families and individuals impacted by the fire have their basic human needs met," said Alexa Benson-Valavanis, NVCF's president and CEO. "This money is accessed by dozens of case managers working within our nonprofit and agency partnerships.

"This increases our total amount granted since the fire to nearly \$30 million," she said. "Although there is still a tremendous amount of work to be done, we are hopeful and optimistic that lasting recovery will come."

The latest grants include:

- Direct assistance: The committee allocated an additional \$1 million to augment the fund for direct assistance distributed through the centralized case management system. The NVCF and its Butte Strong Fund have issued nearly \$900,000 in grants to help hire case managers and support personnel to help distribute the nearly \$8 million that has been allocated by NVCF and the Butte

Strong Fund for direct assistance. That includes payments to fire survivors through case managers. Support can be used for housing, food, gas, medical needs and more. Case management is coordinated by Butte 211.

- Housing for adults with developmental disabilities: California Vocations Inc. requested \$199,200 to help with repairs and other maintenance needs on 15 homes purchased for 52 clients who lost their homes in the Camp Fire.
- The Butte Strong Fund committee approved up to \$500,000 in seed money for the Center for Learning and Resilience if the sponsoring organization, the Butte County Office of Education, can match it with an additional \$500,000 through new fundraising. The BCOE hopes remodel the old courthouse on Memorial Way in Chico. The project will provide resources for children, families and caregivers to address trauma and healing.
- Power generators: Magalia Pines Baptist Church requested \$49,900 to provide 100 generators distributed through the Magalia Pines Recovery Center to fire victims who are now subjected to ongoing power outages. People with medical needs are the top priority to receive the generators, according to the church.

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 with a centralized case management system.

Organizations interested in applying for Butte Strong Fund grants can visit [ButteStrongFund.org](https://www.buttstrongfund.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.buttstrongfund.org](https://www.buttstrongfund.org).