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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: National philanthropic organization grants \$1.1 million to Camp Fire relief

The North Valley Community Foundation, Camp Fire Long Term Recovery Group and Community Housing Improvement Program have received grants totaling more than \$1.1 million from the Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP) for Camp Fire recovery efforts.

CDP, an organization that supports medium- to long-term disaster recovery, announced the grants from its [2018 California Wildfires Recovery Fund](#) for areas impacted by the Camp Fire and two others in Southern California. The Camp Fire on Nov 8, 2018, was the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history.

"The Center for Disaster Philanthropy is an incredible organization that addresses so many needs in so many areas. We appreciate them keeping Butte County and Camp Fire recovery at the top of their minds," said NVCF president and CEO Alexa Benson-Valavanis. "As we've seen, philanthropic dollars are essential to fill holes that insurance and government do not or cannot address. These donations and grants are critical for our area's recovery."

A \$500,000 grant to the NVCF will help fund the Butte County Office of Education's Trauma Response and Recovery Project. The NVCF, through the Butte Strong Fund, has committed more than \$2 million to fund the project, which pays for trauma response, healing and recovery initiatives for all Butte County schools, including charter and private schools. That includes mental health services in county schools for students, family and staff displaced and impacted by the Camp Fire.

A \$250,000 grant to the NVCF will support the foundation's housing project, which will provide permanent housing in the burn area for dozens of families and individuals.

The Camp Fire Long Term Recovery Group was awarded \$114,656 to support its Camp Fire Resource Center, which will become the "hub" for Camp Fire survivors, where individuals and households will meet in person with their case managers for community recovery resources, services and assistance.

"Center for Disaster Philanthropy was one of the first national organizations to reach out to us and ask what might be the best way to partner with us in this recovery," said Matt Plotkin, executive director of the Camp Fire Long Term Recovery Group. "Knowing their mission, having CDP partner with us on the Resource Center made the most sense. I am beyond thrilled to have CDP supporting us, especially with this project."

The Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) received \$250,000 to support the reconstruction of affordable multi-family housing in Paradise destroyed by the Camp Fire.

The NVCF has raised nearly \$70 million for Camp Fire relief and recovery with the help of philanthropic partners, while more than \$20 million has been distributed or committed through more than 500 grants.

The Center for Disaster Philanthropy's mission is to transform disaster giving by providing timely and thoughtful strategies to increase donors' impact during domestic and international disasters. In the face of intensifying natural disasters and worsening humanitarian crises, CDP also works to raise awareness of the urgent need to support the full life cycle of disasters, from mitigation and preparedness to long-term recovery and resilience, particularly among vulnerable populations. For more information, visit <http://disasterphilanthropy.org>.