



BUTTE STRONG

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The North Valley Community Foundation's Butte Strong Fund committee approved several grants this month, bringing the total to more than \$27.5 million in grants as the one-year anniversary of the Camp Fire approaches.

The latest grants include:

- Trauma and Grief Recovery program: The Growing Place Center for Helping People requested \$25,000 for a 10-week counseling program for 14- to 18-year-olds and the cost of running trauma and grief support groups.
- Disaster case management: A grant of \$21,219.15 will cover wages and benefits for a part-time case manager, which will allow the Jesus Center to take on more Camp Fire cases.
- Butte County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit: A grant of \$50,000 will allow the Butte County Sheriff's Office to add two K-9 units and provide a basic handler course for two officers.
- Recovery for vulnerable adults: The Peg Taylor Center requested \$50,000 to partially cover salaries and benefits for a program director, administrator, assistant administrator, social workers, therapeutic activity coordinator and nurses. Other funding sources include the Direct Relief Foundation and the Emil and Leonora Stiefvater Senior Endowment.
- Group counseling: Resilience Resources requested a grant of \$50,000 for group counseling for people distressed by the Camp Fire.

- Paradise Symphony: The Paradise Symphony Society requested a \$12,000 grant to cover expenses and facility rental for four concerts at the Paradise Performing Arts Center.
- Forest Therapy for Community Recovery: A grant of \$49,693 will cover project coordination, operational expenses and other costs to develop a pilot project that can be replicated elsewhere to provide forest therapy guide certifications to local mental health professionals, outdoor educators and other health and wellness service providers. They will facilitate guided forest therapy sessions for at least 450 Camp Fire survivors within the pilot program.
- Camp Fire Acupuncture Program, Phase II: Chico Community Acupuncture requested a \$25,000 grant to continue an acupuncture treatment program. This installment will provide about 1,000 free acupuncture treatments to 200-300 individuals.

With the latest grants, the North Valley Community Foundation has granted \$27.5 million for community recovery via the Butte Strong Fund, Camp Fire Relief Fund and donor-designated funds.

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 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.