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The Butte Strong Fund committee has approved several grants, including one for \$1 million that would continue to help pay permit fees for primary residences as well as provide new incentives for rebuilding rentals and multi-family housing in the town of Paradise.

Last year the Butte Strong Fund approved \$1 million for the town of Paradise and \$500,000 for Butte County that helped pay 50 percent of the permit fees up to \$3,500 for homeowners who wanted to rebuild a primary residence.

The town exhausted its \$1 million and requested another grant. If accepted by the Town Council on Tuesday, the grant would be expanded to allow fee reductions for second homes and multi-family housing, with a goal of providing more rentals.

Individuals can learn about the Rebuild Incentive Program by contacting the town's Development Services Department at the Building Resiliency Center in Paradise or calling 872-6291, ext. 411.

That was the largest among 18 grants totaling \$2,051,450 that were approved the past two months.

The other grants include:

- Oroville Hope Center: A grant of \$218,492, matched by \$218,492 from the American Red Cross, will pay for operational support for long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts. The Disaster Relief Division of the Oroville Hope Center serves as the main county-designated Camp Fire donation hub. It works in conjunction

with the Paradise Hope Center, where survivors can access food, water, clothes and support services.

- Camp Fire Shed Project: A \$150,000 grant will provide funding for another round of the highly successful volunteer effort. Members of Paradise Adventist Church will partner with Maranatha Volunteers International to build and deliver 400 high-quality, secure storage sheds to selected recipients who live throughout the Camp Fire burn scar. The project directly benefits people who lost their homes, are living in RVs and who intend to rebuild.
- Habitat for Humanity of Butte County: A \$250,000 grant will support increased staffing, technology and systems to help the organization achieve its goal of increasing and sustaining more home production each year.
- Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council: Funds \$49,995 in vouchers for residents to use at three markets and stores near Concow.
- Butte 211: A \$25,000 grant will allow Butte 211 to create a public, user-friendly 211campfire.org website providing real time updated community resource information for fire survivors, disaster case managers and other workers assisting in the Camp Fire recovery.
- Welcome to Paradise Sign Rebuild: A \$50,000 grant will contribute to rebuilding the iconic sign on the Skyway.
- Habitat for Humanity of Yuba-Sutter: A \$50,000 grant will allow the organization to hire a fund development officer for Camp Fire-related affordable housing projects. The employee will play a vital role in securing funding for construction of homes for Camp Fire survivors.
- Community Resource Coalition: A \$50,000 grant will help with ongoing needs of the resource center in Paradise that was established by the organization to provide goods and services to Camp Fire survivors.
- Paradise/Butte Gleaners: A \$25,000 grant will provide provisions for homeless Camp Fire survivors in Concow, Magalia, Gridley, Paradise and Oroville that aren't normally carried at the food bank. That includes disinfectant products, wipes, hand sanitizers, Lysol spray, bleach and other cleaning items.
- First Baptist Church of Paradise: A \$15,000 grant will allow the organization to continue to distribute food and other items for people affected by the Camp Fire.
- Butte Schools Self-Funded Programs: An \$18,000 grant will provide mental health support services and group counseling to employees or retirees of Butte-Glenn Community College District, Butte County Office of Education, school districts and two charter schools in Butte County.
- Abundant Manifestations of H.O.P.E.: A grant of \$19,478 will provide propane distribution to eligible households at North State Food Bank distributions in the burn scar.
- Butte County Sheriff's Office: A grant of \$7,040 will purchase a trailer to carry a chipper for trees and brush. The Butte Fire Safe Council obtained a grant to buy

the chipper but not a trailer. Inmates from Butte County Jail provide the labor, overseen by the Sheriff's Office. With this trailer and chipper, work crews will be better equipped to assist with continuing efforts to clean up the more remote areas affected by the Camp Fire while also helping to maintain defensible space as vegetation returns.

- Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 582: A grant of \$11,500 will buy and deliver gravel to the trailers, RVs and other temporary dwellings of 53 families or individuals in and around Concow who lost their homes in the Camp Fire.
- United Way of Northern California: A grant of \$45,150 provided support for United Way's Stable Housing Opportunities Program and allowed United Way to deploy \$900,000 to vulnerable households.
- Hometech Charter School: A \$16,800 grant will assist 35 students unable to access or afford wi-fi. HotSpots were donated by T-Mobile but the broadband lines for all devices will cost \$16,800 over 24 months.
- Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council: A \$49,995 grant will allow the organization to hire two part-timers and also will support a newsletter, website, payroll services and facility fees associated with meetings at Concow School and the historic schoolhouse.

With the latest grants, the North Valley Community Foundation has awarded more than \$33 million for community recovery via the Butte Strong Fund, Camp Fire Relief Fund and donor-designated funds.

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.

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.