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The North Valley Community Foundation and the Almanor Foundation are joining forces to award grants to organizations for Dixie Fire relief and recovery.

The two foundations have been raising money to provide to organizations helping Dixie Fire evacuees. NVCF has awarded \$55,000 in grants through its Wildfire Relief and Recovery Fund, while the Almanor Foundation granted its first funds for the Dixie Fire last week. Friday's joint grant committee funded the relief work of the Tiny Pine Foundation, the Susanville Salvation Army and Project Camp Pop-Up Day Camp for a total of \$15,000 in grant awards.

Rather than asking fire relief organizations to apply via two different applications, the foundations will work together to vet applications, then pool resources on grant awards.

"We have been working with Almanor Foundation leaders for more than a year to incubate their new foundation," said Alexa Benson-Valavanis, NVCF president and CEO. "When the Dixie Fire struck we were able to set up their Almanor Foundation Wildfire Relief Fund and partner with grantmaking applications. They have tremendous local expertise that will inform our grant decisions. Our hearts are in the same place. We just want to help."

"NVCF and their staff have been wonderful mentors through the organizational effort of founding our organization", says Susan Bryner, executive director of the Almanor Foundation, "and we are thrilled now to be able to work in partnership with them for this wildfire relief and recovery effort."

For more information on Dixie Fire relief, how nonprofit fire organizations can apply for grants and how to donate, visit NVCF online at <https://www.nvcf.org/dixie-fire-grant-program> or the Almanor Foundation at <https://almanorfoundation.com/wildfire-relief-fund>.

Both sites link to a single grant application. Organizations should apply only once, through either site.