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The North Valley Community Foundation has issued more than \$200,000 in grants for wildfire relief in response to this year's fires, including a grant of \$25,000 last week so Butte County can provide assistance to North Complex Fire survivors.

The grant will be administered by the Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services with the assistance of disaster case managers from AmeriCorps. The funds will be utilized to assist survivors with transportation, temporary housing solutions or repairs that will allow survivors to return home.

As of Oct. 13, the county continues to shelter 274 survivors in non-congregate shelters in Butte and surrounding counties. The county says many survivors are uninsured and have little resources available to them to begin their next step in recovery. Basic needs are often met through various service organizations and nonprofits, like the Wildfire Relief and Recovery Fund at NVCF.

Eligibility is determined and verified by Butte County. Find more information at <https://211northcomplexfire.org>.

NVCF has now distributed \$202,750 through 23 grants to organizations providing assistance to North Complex Fire survivors. Grants have helped purchase items like gas, food, shelter, animal supplies, groceries, clothing and more.

"If 2020 has revealed anything, it is the amazing depth of compassion and care of our neighbors," said Alexa Benson-Valavanis, NVCF president and CEO. "Our community members have shown up time and again, allowing NVCF to help the most vulnerable in our communities."

The fund was bolstered last week by an anonymous donation of \$500,000, which will help address longer-term recovery needs.

“As we know from the Camp Fire, recovery is a process that can take years,” said Benson-Valavanis. “This big-hearted donation is so meaningful because it will have a lasting impact for so many people who are suffering.”

For more information on the Wildfire Relief and Recovery Fund, including a list of grants and information on how nonprofits and government agencies can apply, visit www.nvcf.org/wildfire-relief.