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The Butte Strong Fund has awarded more than \$1.1 million for resource hubs that provide food and household items to fire survivors and to help nonprofit organizations buy lots for building homes.

The grants total \$1,154,726 and bring the cumulative total for Camp Fire recovery deployed through North Valley Community Foundation to more than \$60 million.

The largest grant is \$320,000 to support the work of a resource hub in Paradise that has distributed nearly \$10 million in household items to Camp Fire survivors. The collaborative effort includes the Feather River Health Foundation's Inspire Hope Project, Paradise Adventist Church's Love Gives Project and Magalia Community Church.

The household items – donated by retailers because they are returned or overstock products – are distributed to fire survivors via the Camp Fire Collaborative's disaster case management system.

"This is vital for fire survivors, whether they are moving into new homes or just need help to afford household items," said Kim DuFour, NVCF program officer. "By gathering and distributing these donated items – furniture, small appliances, bedding and other household goods – it helps fire survivors reduce their expenses so they can focus on more expensive necessities like housing."

The Butte Strong Fund has awarded previous grants to Feather River Health Foundation, Paradise Adventist Church and Magalia Community Church for donations management. The newest grant funds the operation for another year.

A grant of \$200,000 will help the North State Food Bank expand and modernize, with the addition of a loading dock and more refrigeration. The food bank in Oroville serves five counties and is managed by the Community Action Agency of Butte County.

The facility's expansion will double its capacity to help address the increased needs in the aftermath of local disasters like the Camp and Dixie fires. When the expansion is complete, the North State Food Bank says it will provide at least 1 million pounds of food each year to the Camp Fire footprint.

The total cost of the food bank expansion is \$3.6 million with much of the funding coming through state grants. The Butte Strong Fund grant and an additional \$50,000 from NVCF's Dixie Fire grant program puts the food bank very near its funding goal.

The Food Insecurity Task Force received a grant of \$134,726 for its network of food pantries and banks in Paradise and Magalia. Participants include Paradise Stronger, Paradise Hope Center, First Christian Church, First Baptist Church and Magalia Community Church. All organizations have served the community since the Camp Fire. The grant will provide staffing, equipment, facility costs and repairs.

The Butte Strong Fund solicited applications for grants to purchase lots for nonprofits to build homes in the Camp Fire footprint. It awarded \$200,000 to the Community Housing Improvement Program, \$150,000 to Habitat for Humanity and \$150,000 to Valley Contractors Exchange. That will result in the purchase of at least 15 lots for homes.

In addition to the large grants for land acquisition and resource hubs, the Butte Strong Fund made the following awards through its Small Grant Program:

- \$47,000 to the Butte County Local Food Network for its Farmers Marketmobile. The refrigerated van brings local food to Magalia and Concow, and plans to add a third market stop in Paradise by this fall. The Marketmobile accepts various payment methods, including CalFresh. It also supports families by offering the Farmers Marketmobile Angel Program, which matches participant purchases dollar for dollar. Currently, the Marketmobile serves about 200 families a month, particularly benefiting seniors, families with limited transportation and those still recovering from the fire.
- \$26,525 to the Mechoopda Cultural Resource Preservation Enterprise to complete a roundhouse on its property in Butte Valley. It's the first ceremonial dance roundhouse in Butte County in more than a century. It will serve as a gathering place for the Maidu and neighboring tribal communities to engage in ceremonies and promote community healing. The Mechoopda hope to complete the roundhouse by the end of the year.
- \$37,390 to Magalia Community Park, a gathering place in Magalia that includes a community center, disc golf course and a venue for community events.

Learn more about the Butte Strong Fund Small Grant Program and how to apply at nvcf.org/buttestrongfundapply.

NVCF has funded \$60,182,936 through grants and projects since the Camp Fire on Nov. 8, 2018. The Butte Strong Fund is a partnership of NVCF, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. and the Aaron Rodgers NorCal Fire Recovery Fund.