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The Aaron Rodgers NorCal Fire Recovery Fund at North Valley Community Foundation has awarded 12 grants totaling more than \$200,000 for projects largely focused on the health and wellness of young people in Butte County.

Nonprofit and youth-serving organizations, including local governments and public schools, were eligible to apply to the annual Aaron Rodgers NorCal Fire Recovery Grant Program. Forty-seven applications were received. The 12 grants ranged from \$6,000 to \$25,000, a total of \$215,266.

Rodgers, a Chico native and four-time NFL Most Valuable Player, opened up a fire recovery fund at NVCF after the Camp Fire in 2018 and also started a fund benefiting locally owned small businesses during the COVID-19 lockdowns. Earlier this month, he was named the North Valley Philanthropist of the Year by NVCF.

Grants were awarded to:

Paradise Stronger: \$25,000 for a new seven-week wellness program for young people. The program will teach young people about proper nutrition, exercise, stress management and sleep to encourage lifelong well-being. It will include structured fitness, cooking, yoga and other wellness programs taught by certified coaches and mental health professionals.

Paradise Little League: \$25,000 to create a playground at the Egleson Little League complex and provide more places for kids to play in Paradise.

Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP): \$9,115 to fund the "Happy Hearts, Healthy Minds" program for young people under 18 at two Paradise properties operated by

CHIP – Paradise Community Village and Cypress Family Apartments. Each complex will host 12 sessions, each running at least 90 minutes, over five months.

Moms of the Ridge: \$7,200 to support the new nonprofit organization, which serves as a vital hub for families through networking and community-building programs. The organization provides a safe, welcoming and inclusive space and shares it with several other youth-serving organizations, including Paradise Little League, Paradise Ridge PTO, Wildlife Youth Group and Parent Infant Programs.

Positive Educational Partnerships: \$6,000 to provide items for student wellness centers on four Paradise Unified School District campuses. Student wellness centers on campus are rooms where students can go for a short period of time if they need a break or a teacher suggests they do. The room provides activities, games and quiet places to sit. The grant will provide \$150 per month per school to purchase items for students, including incentives for good behavior.

Valley Contractors Workforce Foundation: \$10,900 to host three weeklong summer camps for young people to teach them about construction jobs, learn home-building skills and introduce a program that provides job training for young people. Participants will spend a week helping build two homes in Paradise that are under construction by the foundation.

Spring Valley School: \$25,000 to support a mental health intervention program at the school that serves students from Concow and elsewhere in the Camp Fire footprint. The Primary Intervention Program, for students in kindergarten through third grade, aims to help students with heightened levels of anxiety, depression and difficulty adjusting to school. The program is implemented through a partnership of school staff, wellness coaches and mental health professionals.

The Black Resiliency Project: \$14,410 for the Florence Avenue Project. The grant will allow the organization to renovate a portion of its building to serve as an after-school space for teens and launch the Florence Avenue Garden. The garden will provide access to free healthy food for young people, participants in the Black Resiliency Project's housing program and the community.

Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association: \$25,000 to support the successful Youth Intervention Program, which provides mentorship, academic support, behavioral health resources, and fitness and nutrition education.

Boys and Girls Clubs of the North Valley: A \$25,000 commitment to the organization's fundraising campaign for a new gym floor at the Chico Teen Center.

Girls on the Run of the North State: \$17,641 to expand the program that provides girls in third through eighth grades an opportunity to participate in a program that bolsters confidence and emotional well-being with a curriculum that integrates running with critical life-skill lessons. The grant allows the program to expand to Gridley and Thermalito with scholarships for participants.

Reading Pals: \$25,000 to help the successful nonprofit expand a Math Pals program. The program provides adult mentors working one-on-one with at-risk students to develop their math skills through a game-based program that has proven effective at two pilot schools. The grant will allow Math Pals to expand to five more schools in Chico Unified or Paradise Unified school districts.

Learn more about the Aaron Rodgers' NorCal Fire Recovery Fund at nvcf.org/aaron-rodgers-norcal-recovery-fund.