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The North Valley Community Foundation is issuing nearly \$100,000 in grants to 19 organizations helping with the area's coronavirus response.

NVCF earlier approved a \$250,000 grant from its operating fund to Butte County Public Health to order lab testing equipment and other needs for the county's response. Then the NVCF's Butte Strong Fund issued \$160,000 in grants for organizations helping with coronavirus response in the Camp Fire area.

The latest \$97,200 in grants comes from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Rapid Response Fund for Local Nonprofits and Agencies. NVCF opened the fund last week to help nonprofits and government agencies responding to local needs in the wake of the pandemic. The early focus is for organizations helping with health care and food for seniors, children and at-risk citizens in Butte, Tehama, Glenn and Colusa counties.

The grants were all for \$5,000 with two exceptions: \$10,000 for the North State Food Bank and \$2,200 for Project S.A.V.E.

The North State Food Bank, run by the Community Action Agency, distributes food in six counties. Project S.A.V.E. is working with Cathy's Sew & Vac to replace rubber bands on 28,000 N95 masks that will be distributed to Enloe Medical Center, Adventist Health and Oroville Hospital. It needed \$2,200 to finish the project.

The \$5,000 grants include:

- Chico Area Recreation and Park District, to provide child care for essential service workers.
- Salvation Army of Chico, for food boxes for individuals and families.
- Salvation Army of Oroville, for food boxes for individuals and families.
- Southside Oroville Community Center, to deliver hot meals three times a week and nonperishable groceries to at-risk citizens.

- Chico Community Children's Center, for child care for essential service workers.
- Chico Gleaners, for weekly food assistance to older adults.
- Tehama Together, which coordinates several food banks that distribute meals in Tehama County.
- Tehama County Health Services Agency, which coordinates food delivery for seniors and the medically vulnerable through its volunteer organizations. Food items are nonperishable, dry-good food items.
- Mercy Foundation North, for either food or personal protective equipment for health care workers.
- First 5 Glenn County, which provides emergency supplies and food to families with young children.
- Glenn County Office of Emergency Services, for either food or health care supplies.
- Colusa County Department of Health and Human Services, for a program that provides meals to homebound seniors.
- Passages, which provides services to seniors including food delivery.
- Caring Choices, for personal protective equipment for in-home health care workers and caregivers.
- Northern Valley Catholic Social Services, for a talk like for people struggling with anxiety because of the pandemic.
- Peg Taylor Center, to respond to clients and increase wellness checks and health education.
- Idea Fab Labs, to fund face shields for health care professionals in Butte County.

NVCF has a history of setting up funds to respond to disasters and other emergencies locally, nationally and internationally.

For more information on how to donate to the Coronavirus Rapid Response Fund, see
<https://tinyurl.com/NVCFCoronavirus>.