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The North Valley Community Foundation released 22 Camp Fire Relief Fund grants totaling more than \$457,566 today.

In the nearly six months since the Nov. 8 fire that devastated Butte County, the NVCF has issued 210 grants totaling \$3,663,635.31 for relief and recovery efforts. The grants are given to organizations, schools and agencies working directly with Camp Fire survivors.

All told, more than \$11 million has been granted through relief efforts led by the NVCF, including the Butte Strong Fund, the Aaron Rodgers NorCal Fire Recovery Fund, donor-designated gifts and the Camp Fire Relief Fund.

The Camp Fire Relief Fund grant awards, which focused on short-term relief efforts, now shift to long-term recovery through the Butte Strong Fund. Organizations can see if they are eligible for grants and how to apply for funding at <https://buttestrongfund.org/apply-for-funding/>.

The latest grants, approved by a majority of the NVCF board of directors, include the following:

**Throwing Starfish Foundation (\$25,000):** To continue providing direct assistance to Camp Fire survivors.

**Stirling City Volunteer Fire Department (\$19,000):** To ensure the community continues to be serviced by the SCVFD for fire and medical responses. The costs include updating equipment, weatherproofing for the station, and Stirling City Community Hall kitchen updates.

**Herff Jones Yearbooks (\$25,000):** For assistance to do a professional scan of past yearbooks and then print and sell discounted yearbooks to those who lost theirs in the Camp Fire, going back as far as 1962.

**Boys and Girls Clubs of the North Valley (\$25,000):** To cover program and operating expenses related to operating a new facility to meet the increased demand for services in the wake of the Camp Fire.

**Boy Scouts Troop 316 (\$25,000):** To replace equipment the Boy Scouts lost in the fire, including a trailer used by the troop.

**Gridley-Biggs Police Department, K9 Unit (\$18,000):** To establish a K9 unit to assist law enforcement after the town grew in size following the Camp Fire.

**Innovative Health Care Services, Inc., on behalf of the Peg Taylor Center (\$24,975):** Innovative Health Care Services, Inc. requested assistance to provide program scholarships, additional social work, nursing, and therapy support.

**Palermo Union School District (\$25,000):** Assistance to hire a counselor to support families and staff directly impacted by the Camp Fire.

**RV4Campfirefamily (\$25,000):** To purchase used RVs and make ongoing repairs to the recently purchased RVs.

**Sacramento Grove of the Oak, on behalf of Fire Angels Network Fund (\$25,000):** Fire Angels Network Fund requested assistance for their relocation project that relocates families displaced by the Camp Fire to safe, sustainable areas.

**El Medio Fire Protection District (\$25,000):** Assistance to repair one of their units, to purchase more fire hose for both engines, and wildland gear firefighters to better serve the community after the Camp Fire.

**Butte County Office of Education (\$25,000):** Assistance to provide an Early Childhood and Family Support program, which would provide engagement and mental health support to young children, their families and early childhood professionals.

**The Red Wagon (\$25,000):** To expand its painting, sewing and art classes for Paradise residents affected by the Camp Fire.

**Beth Israel of Redding, on behalf of CARR Furnishings (\$10,500):** To make 150 patio/bistro sets available to the population of people displaced by the Camp Fire that they work with.

**Chico Community Acupuncture (\$25,000):** To provide 1,250 free acupuncture treatments to serve approximately 200-300 people, with a standard treatment of 12 visits.

**Friends of Folsom, on behalf of Julie's Purse Project (\$7,500):** To expand a program that provides essential items to those displaced by the Camp Fire.

**Neal Dow School (\$6,639):** To send five staff members to a conference to receive trauma-informed training and to train other staff.

**Parkview Elementary School (\$5,952):** To provide displaced student services for those affected by the Camp Fire including A.S.S.I.S.T. coaches for recess and two One Circle Foundation programs.

**Sacramento Kindness Campaign (\$25,000):** To provide Camp Fire survivors with trauma assistance, therapeutic space in Sacramento and practitioners for occupational health.

**The Growing Place Center for Helping People (\$25,000):** To expand current programs including Hope During Grief and Loss, Hope After Grief and a bereavement group for pet owners.

**Beth Israel of Redding, on behalf of CARR Furnishings (\$15,000):** To provide furniture and transportation at no cost for an additional two months for those displaced by the Camp Fire as they transition into stable housing.

**Friends of Folsom, on behalf of Hope 4 Homes (\$25,000):** Hope 4 Homes requested assistance to purchase trailers and match them with survivors, as well as provide relocation expenses.

The complete list of Camp Fire Relief Fund grants can be seen at <https://www.nvcf.org/nvcf-camp-fire-grants-made/>.