

Butte Strong Fund grants for fire recovery include rebuilding, fire mitigation funding

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PARADISE — The Butte Strong Fund approved \$250,000 for Habitat for Humanity to buy home lots in Paradise for affordable housing in March.

Nine grants approved by the North Valley Community Foundation in the past month total \$610,805.

The grant to Habitat for Humanity of Butte County will help buy lots on the ridge, as the organization aims to purchase 30 lots and build four to six homes a year for up to 10 years.

Other recently awarded Butte Strong Fund grants include:

- \$103,305 for a tree removal project in Concow managed by From The Ground Up Farms, to remove dangerous, deadly trees from Concow properties for families for free. This project would remove about 1,200 dangerous trees in the Highway 70 corridor and help with defensible space requirements and lot clearing, aiding 24 to 36 families.
- \$50,000 for United Policyholders to provide guidance for homeowners on rebuilding and insurance settlements.
- \$50,000 in funding to Youth on the Ridge Community Foundation for the “Rediscover the Ridge” video series.
- \$30,000 to Paradise Gleaners/Butte County Gleaners to provide food and other necessities to fire survivors and at-risk populations.
- \$50,000 to allow Sol Sanctuary to provide community wellness services to Camp Fire survivors.
- \$17,000 for vouchers to help parents in the Concow area transport students to Spring Valley School. The grant funds a collaboration between the Golden Feather Union Elementary School District and the Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council, providing gas vouchers for parents in the district.

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- \$50,000 for counseling services to adults, seniors and disabled Camp Fire survivors through Caring Choices, adding 30 new clients for in-person and virtual counseling services.
- \$10,500 to the Tzu Chi Foundation to build a food distribution center as part of John and Teri Rubiolo's "I AM's Garden" meal service facility.