

THE COMMUNITY
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OF MENDOCINO COUNTY



Redwood Valley and Santa Rosa Community Recovery Grant Program Guidelines

Range of individual grant awards: \$1,000 to \$20,000

Total amount of funding available: Up to \$200,000

Deadline for Submission: March 15, 2018

This grant program is made possible by the Redwood Valley and Santa Rosa Community Recovery Fund, a corporate advised fund of the Community Foundation of Mendocino County. The Fund was created by Mendocino Forest Products Company, Mendocino Redwood Company, Humboldt Redwood Company and Allweather Wood in response to the Nuns, Tubbs and Redwood Valley/Potter Valley fires.

Types of Funding

Funding will be awarded to support community restoration for youth, elderly, educators, emergency workers and animals affected by the Nuns, Tubbs and Redwood Valley/Potter Valley fires.

- Grants to support **Youth** can include, but are not limited to, funding for:
 - counseling and emotional therapy program for fire survivors;
 - replacing athletic equipment and uniforms for sports teams; or
 - field trips, educational activities and tutoring (financial assistance).
- Grants for **Educators** can include, but are not limited to, funding for:
 - school activities that support survivors (school celebrations, counseling services and support for the teachers);

- educational activities that may need funding;
- school supplies teachers may have lost in fire if their home burned (eligible organizations should apply on behalf of teachers);
- assisting with school sites impacted by one of the named fires.
- Grants to support the **Elderly** can include, but are not limited to, funding for:
 - senior centers or other organizations providing direct assistance to elderly fire survivors who have unmet need, specifically those who were underinsured or uninsured; or
 - assisting with barriers to rebuild.
- Grants to support **Emergency Workers** can include, but are not limited to, funding for general support of fire stations and fire districts immediately impacted by one of the named fires.
- Grants to support **Animals** can include, but are not limited to, funding for:
 - evacuation costs associated with the fires; or
 - ongoing costs directly associated with animals displaced by the fires.

Eligibility

In order to apply, organizations must:

- be a 501c3 public charity, or charitable program/government agency in good standing;
- lack available government (FEMA or State), insurance, or other nonprofit support to allow for an appropriate response; and
- demonstrate a process for screening households for emergency financial aid and disbursing the aid, including the process for avoiding duplication, if applicable.

Exclusion Guidelines

Applicants may not use grants for:

- influencing legislation and/or elections; promoting voter registration; political candidates and/or political campaigns; organizations whose primary purpose is to influence elections/legislation;
- litigation;

- emergency relief to specific individuals or families; or
- for purposes other than those defined as charitable within the meaning of Section 170 (c)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Application Process

Applications will be submitted online through the Redwood Valley and Santa Rosa Community Recovery Grant Program application Link. Applicants interested in applying should contact Michelle Rich at the Community Foundation of Mendocino County to discuss eligibility for this grant opportunity.

Review Process

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County makes every effort to fund the most competitive proposals while considering the funding priorities of the Redwood Valley and Santa Rosa Community Recovery Fund. Grants are evaluated by the Redwood Valley and Santa Rosa Community Recovery Fund, which has representatives of Mendocino and Sonoma Counties and the Community Foundation of Mendocino County. Funding decisions comply with all applicable IRS regulations around donor-advised funds.

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County Board of Directors makes the final awards and is under no obligation to award all of the funds available, or requested.

Notification and awards will be made no later than April 15, 2018.

Follow-Up and Reporting Requirements

Grantees will submit a summary report of services provided and expenditures made during the grant period by March 1, 2019. Grantees should be available for site visits during the term of the grant. Funded organizations must also be willing to “tell their story” to future donors and/or grantees and to participate in donor events recognizing grant recipients as well as provide images for Community Foundation of Mendocino County or donor publications.

More Information

Direct questions regarding the guidelines, application procedure, and/or individual proposals to:

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