

Sonoma Valley Fund Announces Sonoma County Resilience Fund to Address Long Term Rebuilding Priorities

October 23, 2017 (Sonoma, CA) Sonoma Valley Fund, an affiliate of Community Foundation Sonoma County (CFSC) announces the formation of the Sonoma County Resilience Fund and urges supporters to give to fire-rebuilding efforts.

To date, the Resilience Fund has raised over \$2.7 million and distributed \$300,000 in emergency grants to support local non-profit agencies in urgent need after the devastating wildfires that swept through Sonoma County this month.

“Rebuilding will be a complex, and time consuming process that requires thoughtful investment. While the disaster has caused chaos, our community response has been unified. We launched the Sonoma County Resilience Fund to provide local agencies with both a long-term framework to rebuild strategically and the funds to support their efforts.” Elizabeth Brown, President & CEO, Community Foundation Sonoma County.

To date CFSC has given out \$300,000 in stabilizing grants to the following nonprofit organizations: 4C’s (Community Childcare Council), California Human Development, Catholic Charities, Ceres Community Project, Community Action Partnership, La Luz, Petaluma People Service Center, Redwood Empire Food Bank, Sonoma Humane Society, UndocuFund for Fire Relief and Volunteer Center of Sonoma County.

“Our local non-profit agencies are the heart of our Sonoma Valley community. Organizations like La Luz have had to pivot quickly to respond to meet the urgent needs that came out of this disaster. It’s important that we move quickly as philanthropists to help meet those needs” said Peg Van Camp, President, Sonoma Valley Fund Board.

“We have had hundreds of phone calls from people in the Spanish-speaking community who have lost their jobs when the vineyards burned, or who have lost homes and need help to access services. For our undocumented community, there has been an added level of fear of not knowing whether it is safe to seek help. This grant has helped La Luz serve as translators and navigators during this time.” Juan Hernandez, Executive Director, La Luz.

Sonoma Valley Fund (SVF) is an affiliate fund of Community Foundation Sonoma County. Since its inception in 2007, SVF has made over \$4.8 million in grants to Sonoma Valley nonprofits. Donations to the Sonoma County Resilience Fund will be put to use where they are most urgently needed, now and in the future. Online gifts can be made at: <http://www.sonomacf.org/sonoma-county-resilience-fund/>

About Sonoma Valley Fund:

Sonoma Valley Fund is the hub of philanthropy for the valley, connecting people, ideas and resources to benefit all who live here. Their affiliate board, and staff at [Community Foundation Sonoma County](#) work with nonprofits on their legacy gift programs and provide resources and tools for philanthropists to create plans that will make an impact in our community and become part of their family’s legacy.

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