



**Northern California Wildfires:
Organizations Responding to Communities in Need
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With the containment of the North Bay fires, community needs have transitioned from emergency evacuation services towards recovery and rebuilding efforts. The community foundations of each county are in strong positions to assess community needs, and each has commenced local grantmaking to vetted and qualified organizations.

- **Community Foundation Sonoma County:** The foundation has established the **Sonoma County Resilience Fund** to address the mid to long-term needs of the community following the fires. <http://www.sonomacf.org/sonoma-county-resilience-fund/>

The Foundation has commenced grantmaking from this fund to the following organizations:

- [Community Childcare Council](#)
 - [California Human Development](#)
 - [Catholic Charities](#)
 - [Ceres Community Project](#)
 - [Community Action Partnership](#)
 - [La Luz Center](#)
 - [Petaluma People Services Center](#)
 - [Redwood Empire Food Bank](#)
 - [Sonoma Humane Society](#)
 - [UndocuFund for Fire Relief](#)
 - [Volunteer Center of Sonoma County](#)
- **Napa Valley Community Foundation:** NVCF has mobilized **the Disaster Relief Fund**. <http://www.napavalleycf.org/supporting-napa-county-fire-relief-efforts/>

The Foundation is making pre-qualified grants to nonprofits providing immediate relief and recovery services to those affected. These services include: food; shelter; childcare; transportation; health and mental health; resource/referral and case management; legal/advocacy services; and, human and social services. A full list of the organizations can be found here: <http://www.napavalleycf.org/supporting-napa-county-fire-relief-efforts/>



- **The Community Foundation of Mendocino County:** The foundation's board of directors established **the Disaster Fund for Mendocino County** to support disaster relief and recovery services in the aftermath of a natural disaster.
<http://www.communityfound.org/for-donors/donate-today/community-funds/disaster-fund-for-mendocino-county/>

Immediate needs are being addressed via grants to two local non-profits:

- [North Coast Opportunities \(NCO\)](#)
- [Mendocino Coast Children's Fund](#)

- **Latino Community Foundation:** the foundation has established the NorCal Fire Relief Fund: <https://latinocf.org/norcal-wildfire-relief-fund/>

This fund is directly supporting three local Latino nonprofit organizations:

- [North Bay Organizing Project](#) in Santa Rosa
- [La Luz Center](#) in Sonoma
- [UpValley Family Centers](#) in Calistoga

Each organization is working to support families, farmworker communities, as well as coordinating regional resources for immediate and long-term needs.

- **Jewish Community Federation & Endowment Fund:** it has established the [North Bay Wildfire Emergency Fund](#) to meet urgent and emergent needs of the community in Sonoma County. To date, emergency grants have been disbursed among eight organizations and synagogues in Sonoma.

In addition to the community foundations and grantees listed above, the following organizations are performing critical services within each community.

- **UndocuFund for Fire Relief in Sonoma County:** Launched by a coalition of immigrant service providers and advocates, the UndocuFund for Fire Relief in Sonoma County will provide direct assistance to undocumented victims of the Northern California fires. One hundred percent of all donations will go to victim support. Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees, headquartered in Sebastopol, will serve as the fiscal agent for the fund. The fund will provide assistance to pay for such basics as rent and groceries, and other needs. <http://undocufund.org/>
- **American Red Cross:** Over 1,100 Red Cross disaster workers are in California, providing shelter, food and comfort for thousands of people coping with the deadly wildfires. <http://www.redcross.org/local/california/northern-california-coastal/wildfires-response-october-2017>



- **Center for Volunteer & Nonprofit Leadership (CVNL):** This Marin County organization has been activated as an Emergency Volunteer Center, helping oversee volunteers and donations for Napa and Marin Counties. CVNL is accepting donations that will directly support those affected by the fires. <https://cvnl.org/>
- **Habitat for Humanity Sonoma County:** The organization has established a fund dedicated to helping rebuild Sonoma County, with a particular focus on assisting low-to moderate-income families. <https://www.habitatsoco.org/rebuild-soco>

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities or ways to take civil action to assist fire-impacted communities, you can connect with the following organizations:

- **Center for Volunteer & Nonprofit Leadership (CVNL):** If you are interested in becoming an emergency volunteer, you can register as one in CVNL's system. It will contact you when needed, according to the critical needs required. <https://cvnl.org/>
- **Red Cross Northern California Coastal Region:** Trained Red Cross volunteers are currently staffing shelters and supporting residents. As the disaster continues to evolve, the Red Cross will assess how community volunteers can best support the operation. Those interested in volunteering to support Sonoma, Napa, Lake and Mendocino wildfire relief efforts, can sign up: <http://tinyurl.com/RedCrossVolOctober2017>

For information on Marin County's response to the fires, resources, and ways to help, visit the **County of Marin** website: <https://www.marincounty.org/main/northbayfires>