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## **Sonoma County Resilience Fund FAQs**

### **What is the Sonoma County Resilience Fund?**

The Sonoma County Resilience Fund was created in October 2017 with a lead gift of \$250,000 from Facebook to address the mid- to long-term needs of Sonoma County to recover and rebuild from the devastating fires that have struck our community.

### **Why medium to long term? Why not immediate relief?**

When a disaster strikes, on average 73% goes to immediate relief and only 4.8% goes to recovery and rebuilding, a process that can take up to 10 years. We know there will be significant mid- and long-term needs for our fellow community members to rebuild their lives. Long after media attention has shifted away from our community, we will be here, committed to providing support that addresses the most critical needs of our nonprofits and their clients.

### **Why Community Foundation Sonoma County?**

Disasters are chaotic, but the response should not be. With our 34 years of experience in philanthropy we know how to make strategic, thoughtful, and impactful grants. To date we've given out more than \$200 million to organizations addressing issues such as housing, hunger, economic well-being, and mental health.

### **How will CFSC decide what to support?**

As funders with 34 years of experience in grantmaking in Sonoma County, we will rely on our thorough due diligence process to identify and vet organizations to receive funding.

In the aftermath of a disaster, the immediate relief needs are clear—shelter, food, cash, and other basic needs. Recovery and rebuilding is more complex and depends on each community's needs. While we can't yet predict what those needs will be, we will use our experience to:

- Convene our nonprofit partners who are working with people impacted by the fires
- Collaborate with a diverse range of leaders and agencies to support our community
- Conduct a strong due diligence process to effectively support those who need us the most

In other communities, recovery efforts have included basic needs as well as longer term economic, health and social supports.

### **Who will the Sonoma County Resilience Fund support?**

Our nonprofits provide critical services across the county, providing shelter and long-term housing, economic and rental assistance, legal services, education, healthcare, and more. These nonprofits will be supporting fire victims directly and will need the capacity to grow their



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services to meet the need. Our funds will support these nonprofits that are providing direct services to those impacted by the fires.

Through all of our grantmaking we address issues of disparity in our community. Many low-income families and individuals were already struggling to make ends meet in Sonoma County before this disaster struck, and we are committed to supporting those who need our resources the most.

Donations to the Resilience Fund will be used across our county and will be directed to the areas of greatest need.

### **Will all donations go to the victims?**

97 % of donations will support fire relief. The 3% fund will support our in-depth due diligence and grantmaking process, so you can be assured that your funds are expertly managed.

### **What is the way to make a donation?**

You can quickly and easily support the Resilience Fund in the following ways:

- **Donate online to the Sonoma County Resilience Fund.**
- *Mail* a check to Community Foundation Sonoma County, 120 Stony Point Rd., Suite 220, Santa Rosa, CA 95401. Please indicate "Sonoma County Resilience Fund" in the memo line.
- *Transfer stock or securities;* contact a Philanthropic Advisor to begin the process.
- To learn about more ways to give, contact us.