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Healdsburg Forever Makes \$80,000 in Emergency Grants

Healdsburg Forever has recently made emergency grants totaling \$80,000 to six nonprofit organizations providing essential safety net services—food, shelter, and health care—to the most vulnerable people in Healdsburg and Geyserville. The grants to Redwood Empire Food Bank, Healdsburg Food Pantry, Corazon Healdsburg, Farm to Pantry, Reach for Home; and Alliance Medical Center support general operations and are unrestricted.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent stay-at-home orders are taking a toll on our community. Healdsburg Forever is working to meet the urgent needs. A survey conducted by the Healdsburg Forever Grants Committee revealed that key nonprofits are experiencing up to a 350 percent increase in requests for services while, at the same time, revenues and fundraising are declining. Thanks to generous donors from 2019, Healdsburg Forever had the resources to act quickly to grant key nonprofits necessary funds to provide essential services during this uncertain time.

In the past six months, Healdsburg Forever has made grants totaling over a quarter of a million dollars to 18 nonprofits serving the Healdsburg and Geyserville communities. In light of the economic impact of COVID-19, all the grants have been made or repurposed to allow grantees to use the funds to meet the most critical needs. Nonetheless, the needs of our community far exceed Healdsburg Forever's available resources.

Please consider joining Healdsburg Forever by making a generous donation online at <https://www.sonomacf.org/about-cfsc/healdsburg-forever/>.

Together we can continue to support our community's nonprofit service providers in this time of unprecedented need.

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