



## **Community Disaster Relief Fund Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. What is the Shasta Regional Community Foundation's Community Disaster Relief Fund?**

The Community Disaster Relief Fund at Shasta Regional Community Foundation has been enabled to receive donations for those in the North State impacted by the Carr Fire. We know that the impact of the Carr Fire will make it financially challenging for regional nonprofits and public agencies to meet the needs for recovery from this disastrous event. The Community Disaster Relief Fund will focus on the short and long-term recovery of our neighbors and partners. The Community Disaster Relief Fund is able to accept contributions from individual donors, corporations and foundations.

### **2. Why support short-term and long-term recovery? Why not immediate relief?**

When a disaster strikes, on average, 70% of donations are directed to immediate relief and a significantly smaller portion goes to recovery and rebuilding, a process that can take many years. Long after media attention has shifted, Shasta Regional Community Foundation will provide support to address the significant long term critical needs of our local nonprofits, public entities and the individuals they serve.

### **3. Why Shasta Regional Community Foundation?**

Shasta Regional Community Foundation is credible, transparent and connected. In response to the September 2014 Boles Fire in Weed, CA, the Community Foundation established the Community Disaster Relief Fund. The fund was started with a gift from the Stewardship Endowment Fund and provided assistance to the families, nonprofits and organizations impacted by the Boles Fire in Weed. As of September 2017, three years after the fire, all funds had been disbursed as recommended by the local Long-Term Recovery Group grant review committee. Click [here](#) to see how the funds were expended.

For 18 years Shasta Regional Community Foundation has enriched the lives of the people of Shasta and Siskiyou counties through philanthropy. We are a source of funding for local nonprofits and public entities, thus long-standing relationships are already in place. We are committed to building philanthropy and connecting people who care with causes that matter.

### **4. Who will the Community Disaster Relief Fund support?**

The Community Disaster Relief Fund will support nonprofit organizations and public entities that have a defined role in short-term and long-term recovery efforts by providing critical services including emergency food distribution, shelter and long-term housing, emotional and spiritual care, economic and rental assistance, education, healthcare, and more to victims of the disaster. These nonprofits and public entities will provide direct support to survivors and will need the capacity to grow their services to meet these needs.

## 5. How can I make a charitable donation?

You can support the Community Disaster Relief Fund in the following ways:

- Donate [online](#) to the Community Disaster Relief Fund
- Mail a check **noting Community Disaster Relief Fund in the memo line** to:  
Shasta Regional Community Foundation  
Attn: Community Disaster Relief Fund  
1335 Arboretum Drive, Suite B  
Redding, CA 96003
- Transfer stock or securities; contact [Kerry Caranci](#) to begin the process.

## 6. What percentage of my donation will be made available in the fund?

100% of your donation (excluding any online credit card processing fees) will go to Carr Fire recovery efforts.

The Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, therefore your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law; check with your professional advisor if you have questions.

## 7. How can I fundraise on behalf of the Community Disaster Relief Fund?

If you wish to contribute a portion of your sale proceeds and/or are interested in hosting an event to raise money for the Community Disaster Relief Fund, we welcome your support. Please understand that due to the volume of generous fundraising events and campaigns on our behalf (past, present and future – all over the world), we cannot attend/promote/support them all.

In addition, unless donations are made by a direct contribution to our Disaster Relief Fund, a tax receipt will NOT be issued by Shasta Regional Community Foundation.

## 8. How can my organization receive a grant from the Community Disaster Relief Fund?

The initial distribution of funds will be made to organizations that have been identified by the Community Foundation through continued communications with partnering agencies that will inform our initial distribution to organizations “on the ground” providing direct assistance and who will be there during long-term recovery operations.

The Community Foundation plans for additional distribution of funds in the months to come. This will be an open and responsive application process which will become available online. Grantmaking decisions will be made utilizing a diverse group of community stakeholders. The Community Disaster Relief Fund will continue to seek funds in support of these longer-term recovery efforts.

## 9. I’ve been impacted by the fires and I’m looking for support. Can I apply to the Community Disaster Relief Fund?

The Community Disaster Relief Fund was specifically set up to provide grants to our nonprofit partners who in turn work with individuals and families.