



Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County

Disaster Relief Assistance Program Funders Report Month: November 2017

On October 8th, 2017 Northern California experienced devastating wildfires that resulted in over 8,400 homes and structures lost, burning over 240,000 acres and resulting in 42 fatalities. It is estimated that nearly 100,000 people were displaced. Many lost homes and jobs. Others, while not losing homes, faced temporary income losses as a result of evacuations, burned and closed businesses, utility outages and school closures during the first 2-3 weeks after the start of the fire. Anticipating the increased need for housing assistance, Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County (CAPSC) responded quickly. CAPSC already had a working model in place for this type of program and quickly adapted it to assist wildfire victims. Through the generosity of the HCA Family funders, they pledged an additional \$150,000 for Napa and Sonoma County CAP to assist wildfire victims with rental and deposit assistance. This working model also made it attractive to other funders and CAPSC was able to secure an additional \$550,000 in funds from Redwood Credit Union, the Community Foundation, the King Ridge Foundation's Sonoma Pride Fund, FHL Bank, Community First Credit Union and other private donors to assist with rental, deposit and household replacement needs.

Now, nearly 2 months after the fires, the CAPSC staff have been busy processing over 500+ intakes received for assistance. We have heard countless stories of loss, wiped some tears, offered comfort, and lent an ear to many whose lives have been turned upside down. To be able to assist them in some part of their recovery and rebuilding of their lives is a job we at CAPSC are grateful to be doing. As we near the holiday season, it will be a difficult time for many but hopefully we will have lessened the burden as much as possible by helping them have a safe place to call home. Thank you again for your generosity!

Objective:

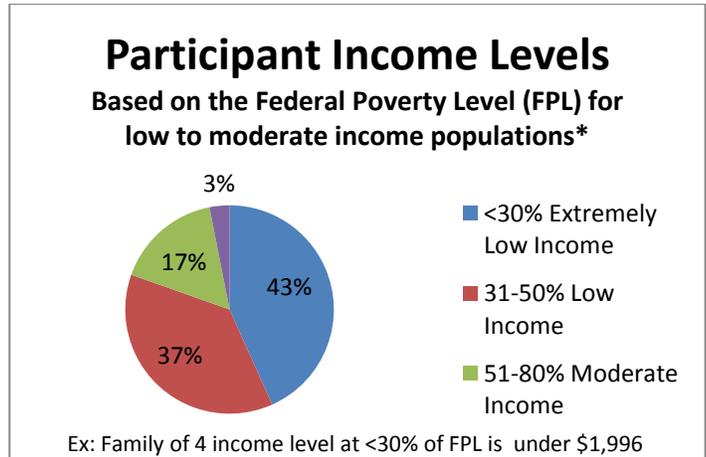
Coordinate and administer disaster relief funds for wildfire victims to assist with housing needs and essential living needs.

Summary:

During the month of October and November the Disaster Relief Assistance program assisted 107 households with a total of \$134,004.08 in assistance. \$86,263.40 was provided in rental assistance to over 73 individuals /families (avg. of \$1,182 per family) , \$17,516 was provided in deposit assistance to 10 individuals/families (avg. of \$1,752 per family) and \$6,874.68 in mortgage assistance was provided to 5 families/individuals. We also assisted 19 individuals / families with \$23,350 to help replace items lost in the fire. The initial bulk of recipients were in need of rental assistance due to their work places being burned or closed for 1-3 weeks immediately after the disaster.

- ❖ *“Thank you so much! This will help enormously in my getting back on my feet. A genuine godsend.”*
- ❖ *“Thank you! Thank you! Thank You! You are my angels!”*
- ❖ *“Thank you so much for helping this tenant! She is very responsible and has always paid on time. The fires and the loss of her job has affected her.”*

Income levels Based on Federal Poverty Level (FPL) Unduplicated	Participants
<30% Extremely low income	42
31-50% Low- Income	36
51-80% Moderate income	16
>80% Non-low	3
Total	97



Disbursed Funds	Participants	Amount
Rent	73	\$86,263.40
Deposit	10	\$17,516
Mortgage	5	\$6,874.68
Essential Needs	19	\$23,350
TOTAL	107	134,004.08

