

## **Community Recovery Fund Awards Grants to Mendocino and Sonoma County Organizations**

*53 grants will help support survivors of the 2017 Nuns, Tubbs, and Redwood Complex fires*

UKIAH, Calif. (January 15, 2019) – The Mendocino Family of Companies (Mendocino Forest Products Company, Mendocino Redwood Company, Humboldt Redwood Company, and Allweather Wood) today announced it will award a total 53 grants from the **Redwood Valley and Santa Rosa Community Recovery Fund**, a corporate-advised fund of the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, to organizations in Mendocino and Sonoma Counties.

The grants, awarded to local organizations, will help support survivors of the devastating October 2017 Nuns, Tubbs, and Redwood Complex fires. These organizations offer support for survivors through therapeutic and healing programs, rebuilding lost infrastructure, providing for essential needs and animal care and transportation during and after the fires, among other needs.

The grants will serve many purposes varying from funding resiliency-building activities for youth and family events, to supporting educators and first responders.

“Supporting these organizations who support the fire survivors, first responders and youth, is one example of how we continue to support the rebuilding of our community,” said Bob Mertz, CEO of Mendocino Companies. “Each organization has a unique role to play, and their cooperation for a common goal is inspiring. It shows the resiliency of the community.”

The Mendocino Family of Companies, through the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, established the **Redwood Valley and Santa Rosa Community Recovery Fund** to support community restoration. Since its inception, the Fund has awarded \$798,645 in grants to support the community restoration efforts.

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County via an independent committee will disburse funds, until the fund is exhausted. To ensure each donation directly benefits the community, the Mendocino Family of Companies will also pay all related administrative and promotional costs to manage the fund.

The final grants will be awarded during a ceremony at the Mendocino Redwood Company offices in Ukiah, on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 10:00 a.m.

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