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UWNC Invests \$50k in Community Impact Grants

Ten Grantees Supported for Wildfire Mitigation and Drought Preparedness

Redding, CA (August 19, 2022) – United Way of Northern California (UWNC) announced their investment of \$50,000 in 2022 Community Impact Grants to support wildfire mitigation and drought preparedness within their nine-county service area.

Ten organizations received grants for disaster preparedness measures such as vegetation clearance, fire-adaptive education for communities at high risk of wildfire, and water provision for drought-threatened communities, among other actions.

Eligible organizations included Community Emergency Response Teams, Federally and non-federally recognized Tribal Organizations, Volunteer Fire Departments, and other organizations involved in similar work.

These grants are intentional investments from UWNC into fostering disaster resiliency in northern California communities. As climate-related disasters such as wildfires and droughts increase, the need for resiliency becomes more apparent. For UWNC, this puts a high priority on making disaster-preparedness grants more accessible for all.

Guided by its equity and inclusion framework, UWNC cut out the "red tape" in grant application processes and chose a diverse group of grantees, varying in size, location, and project focus.

Here are the ten grantees: Konkau Association Corporation, Willows Volunteer Fire Department, Shasta Mutual Aid, RISE (Resources for Indian Student Education, Inc.), Manton Fire Safe Council, Orland Volunteer Fire Department, Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council, Wolfpack Clubhouse, Shasta County Fire Safe Council, Lakehead Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

UWNC looks forward to investing more in Community Impact Grants in its 2023 grant cycle.

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About United Way of Northern California: United Way of Northern California (UWNC) was established in Redding in 1953 and serves nine counties: Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity. Its mission is to fight for the education, income, and health of all residents in the community. UWNC is active in disaster relief and recovery. raises funds for non-profit agencies and operates human services helplines in Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama counties, accessed by dialing 211. For more information about United Way of Northern California visit www.norcalunitedway.org.