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## NORTH VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BUTTE STRONG FUND

*Education Grant Program Awards \$169,263 to Chico Unified Schools*

**CHICO, CA, December 19, 2022** — The Butte Strong Fund Educational Grant Program provided an opportunity for all Butte County schools serving students in grades K-12 to apply for a grant of up to \$10,000. Every campus, 19 in total, in the Chico Unified School District applied for grant funding through the Butte Strong Fund Education Grant Program with project awards totaling \$169,263.

Each school site administrator designed their project to meet the needs of their students and unique school site. Projects submitted ranged from \$4,500-10,000. The projects supported a variety of activities, including professional development for teachers, social-emotional learning (SEL) projects, community engagement activities, academic tutoring, enrichment projects, mentoring programs, and more.

"Varying stages of trauma are apparent in many of our Butte County youth. So often, this trauma is left unseen, but our schools and community are actively working together to support our students. I am both honored and proud to work with a community that prioritizes our youth and takes a collaborative approach to meet the individual needs of each school throughout our district," shared Chico Unified Superintendent Kelly Staley. "The teachers and staff continue to meet students where they are and take the additional steps to help them thrive. Thank you to the North Valley Community Foundation and community donors for funding these important projects!"

We would like to thank the North Valley Community Foundation and community donors for supporting our schools. Programs like the Butte Strong Educational Grant Program help to fill the funding gap in completing projects important to each campus. These funds help to inspire our students and staff to rebuild and start new, innovative projects. It is rewarding to see projects funded, with the potential for implementation within weeks of submission.

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The Butte Strong Fund is a partnership of the North Valley Community Foundation, Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, and the Aaron Rodgers NorCal Fire Recovery Fund. It aims to provide long-term recovery to communities impacted by the Camp Fire.

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