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The North Valley Community Foundation and Feather River Health Foundation issued several grants this month to organizations helping at-risk populations in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The grants support food delivery programs, face shields for medical workers, COVID-19 testing devices and more.

NVCF has now distributed $835,358 in grants for coronavirus relief.

The newest grants include:

- $35,000 to Adventist Health for five coronavirus testing machines for health care clinics in Paradise, Chico and Corning.
- $10,000 for Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association to continue its senior food delivery program for another month.
- $5,000 for Little Red Hen to purchase personal protective equipment for its employees with developmental disabilities.
- $15,000 to Catalyst Domestic Violence Services for expanded space to adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- $8,980 for Jesus Center for food and supplies.
- $15,500 for Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley for dinner pick-up service for children.
- $10,000 for First 5 Butte County to purchase and distribute children’s books and children’s clothing.

Earlier in the month, NVCF and Feather River Health Foundation approved grants that will allow 20,000 face shields to be donated to health care workers in Butte, Glenn, Tehama and Colusa countries. The shields are being produced by Chico State University and Idea Fab Labs, then distributed through county public health departments.
NVCF also issued separate grants of $5,000 apiece to three charitable funds that operate through NVCF – the Slater & Son Community Support Fund, the Downtown Chico Service Industry Workers Relief Fund and the Local Restaurant, Local Needs Fund.

Two other funds held at NVCF made coronavirus-related grants this month. The Emil and Leonora Stiefvater Senior Endowment provided a grant of $25,000 to the Peg Taylor Center for the center’s efforts to protect vulnerable seniors at the highest risk from COVID-19. The Lundberg Family Foundation granted $3,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley to support their dinner pickup program for children and $3,000 to the Butte County Local Food Network to support their food distribution programs.

For more information on how to donate to the Coronavirus Rapid Response Fund, see www.nvcf.org/coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-response.