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## **Nevada County Relief Fund Seeks Donations for River Fire Survivors**

<https://www.nevcorelief.org/firerelief/>

*Nevada City, CA* – With over 4000 people evacuated, 2600 acres burned, and 76 structures destroyed, the River Fire is only 15% contained as of Thursday evening with scores of homes still threatened.

In response, the Nevada County Relief Fund’s Community Advisory Council established the “River Fire Fund” today to accept donations and will direct funds as we learn from our nonprofit and County partners where the needs are greatest.

All funds raised as of August 5<sup>th</sup> will be made available to wildfire survivors from Nevada County. County Department of Social Services caseworkers will vet requests for assistance. With Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation serving as the Nevada County Relief Fund’s fiscal sponsor, donations may be made safely and are tax deductible.

“When we helped set up the Nevada County Relief Fund in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we anticipated that it might someday serve as a clearinghouse for other critical services in the event of a wildfire or other disaster. I applaud the continued generosity of our community to care for those in their moment of need,” said County CEO Alison Lehman.

The Nevada County Relief Fund wishes to express our appreciation to our fire fighters and first responders.

### *About the Nevada County Relief Fund*

The Nevada County Relief Fund was created through a partnership between the County of Nevada, Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation, Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, the Sierra Business Council, Center for Nonprofit Leadership, and the Economic Resource Council.

The Fund was established in April 2020 with a \$100,000 “challenge grant” from the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis. Since then, the Relief Fund has raised \$1.3 Million to help dozens of small businesses and nonprofits countywide. Last August, the Relief Fund raised over \$30,000 for Jones Fire relief efforts.

*[To support Placer County residents impacted by the River Fire, please donate at [Placer Community Foundation \(placercf.org\)](https://www.placercf.org/)]*