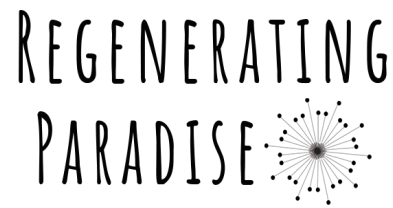


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Regenerating Paradise Receives Grant from North Valley Community Foundation to Explore Affordable Housing in Paradise

Regenerating Paradise, a non-profit organization formed in the aftermath of the Camp Fire, was recently awarded \$45,000 from North Valley Community Foundation's Butte Strong Fund to facilitate firewise, low carbon, affordable housing in Paradise.

Regenerating Paradise holds a vision for the recovery of Paradise as a community with ample affordable housing for returning residents and newcomers; a thriving and diverse economy that provides for livelihoods and nurtures the resources of our unique ecosystem; and facilities for art, performance, education, and wellness that support quality of life and bolster community ties.

To help realize that vision, Regenerating Paradise has partnered with faculty from U.C. Davis to design an affordable mixed-use development community that redefines sustainable and resilient living in Paradise. The plan includes 125 housing units, 10 businesses/services, supportive energy, and wastewater infrastructure. The mixed-use development could include restaurants, cafes, shops, a child care center, a clinic, and any number of other services, providing jobs and economic vitality to the Paradise community.

The Butte Strong Fund Community Development grant from NVCF will allow RP to conduct surveys, focus groups, and community input sessions where the Ridge community and potential tenants will be able to share their ideas and visions for the development. It will also help fund the finalizing of a project team, including architects, engineers, developers, town and government officials, and community-based organizations.

"This is a watershed moment," said Allen Myers, Executive Director of Regenerating Paradise and second-generation Ridge community member. "We all know that affordable housing remains one of the biggest unmet needs for our community. We are honored to receive this substantial support from North Valley Community Foundation and the Butte Strong Fund to explore, as a community, the solutions to this problem."

Chris Copeland, NVCF program officer, noted, "We have been talking with Regenerating Paradise for several months about grant possibilities and have appreciated watching their project take shape. They have remained steadfast in their desire to see what could be a significant affordable, equitable, mixed-use housing development come to the Paradise community. We hope this funding helps that come to fruition."

Said Myers, “We are still early in the process. We are committed to the community and believe that together we can create anything. We are honored to be supported by NVCF; they have been instrumental in the recovery of Paradise.”

Regenerating Paradise has a mission to “weave the social fabric that regenerates us.” As at its annual *Paradise Revival Festival*, it gathers community members to share ideas and hopes for the future and learn about the work being done by local organizations helping to rebuild the Ridge.

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