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\$300,000 in response grants approved to support communities devastated by California fires

[The Libra Foundation](#) has approved and disbursed \$300,000 in response grants to two organizations addressing the devastation caused by the Camp Fire in Butte County and the Woolsey Fire in Los Angeles and Ventura counties in November 2018.

Informed by philanthropic partners, including Northern California Grantmakers, Philanthropy California, and Latino Community Foundation, Libra Foundation staff recommended providing **immediate support to families and individuals who are directly impacted by the Camp and Woolsey fires.**

“Climate change continues to produce fiercer and more catastrophic fires. These fires have destroyed neighborhoods and communities - it’s critical that we act now to protect those that have experienced unimaginable loss, especially folks who have nowhere else to go,” said The Libra Foundation’s Executive Director, Crystal Hayling.

Grants in response to the California fires directly address Libra’s human rights and environmental justice mission and provide critical support for impacted communities.

The Libra Foundation has approved and disbursed the following grants totaling \$300,000:

- \$150,000 to [United Way of Northern California](#), to provide emergency cash grants to those who have lost their homes, assist local direct service nonprofits, and provide long-term recovery support to survivors of the Camp Fire.
- \$150,000 to [805 UndocuFund](#), to assist immigrant families and individuals who have lost their homes or wages in the Woolsey fire. Undocumented immigrants do not qualify for public assistance from FEMA, disaster unemployment benefits, or some other public safety net programs. 805 UndocuFund is sponsored by the Ventura County Community Foundation.

[The Libra Foundation has invested more than \\$7 million since 2011 in environmental justice organizations.](#) In its environmental justice portfolio, The Foundation prioritizes support to low income communities and communities of color that are disproportionately affected by climate change and corporate decisions that prioritize profit over the health and wellbeing of communities.

The Libra Foundation is a family foundation with an endowment of \$320 million invested for impact. The Foundation is committed to social justice work in the United States in the areas of criminal justice and drug policy, environmental justice, and gender justice. Over the past decade, the foundation has granted approximately \$42 million to more than 100 grantee partners.