



Community building creates the conditions for greater preparedness and resiliency

Total grants to support wildfire relief and recovery: **\$2.2 million**

Number of grants to date: **50**

Smallest grant: **\$2,000**

Largest grant: **\$100,000**

Average grant size: **\$23,318**

Median grant size: **\$25,000**

To support communities recovering and rebuilding after the September 2020 wildfires, The Ford Family Foundation uses a variety of strategies ranging from grantmaking to convening community leaders. The Foundation's approach to grantmaking aims to unlock larger funding streams by supporting capacity building opportunities and filling gaps left by other sources.

We see our grantmaking as fitting into what the Center for Disaster Philanthropy calls phases of the Disaster Response Cycle. Important community building work happens in each of these phases. In fact, we've learned through this process that community building before a disaster speeds up the response and recovery phases.



Some examples of how we've supported organizations and communities with grants include:

- Responsive emergency grants for food, medical supplies, translation, community coordination and more
- Highly-customized grants to each region impacted by wildfires to fund behavioral health supports, case managers and ongoing coordination
- Support to statewide systems to build capacity across agencies and create conditions for greater resiliency in future disasters



Here's how we we continue supporting communities

- ✓ **Ongoing learning and collaboration** with public agencies, community-based organizations and community builders in weekly strengthening and sharing sessions in partnership with the Nonprofit Association of Oregon
- ✓ **Community engagement** through staff serving as community liaisons, providing highly-customized support for the unique circumstances in each affected community
- ✓ **Collaborating** with Oregon Community Foundation and Meyer Memorial Trust on the Community Rebuilding Fund
- ✓ **Continued learning** to inform future emergency response strategies and meet grantee and partner needs

*Model based on the Disaster Life Cycle from DisasterPhilanthropy.org, April 2021