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Quake report:

Resilience & recovery in Eel River Valley

On Dec. 20, 2022, and Jan. 1, 2023, earthquakes measuring magnitude 6.4 and 5.4 respectively, struck one of California's most beautiful, dynamic yet economically distressed rural regions: Humboldt County's Eel River Valley.

As a community foundation dedicated to supporting the four-county region of Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity counties in California, and Curry County in Southern Oregon, HAF+WRCF was able to support regional disaster response, recovery, and resilience through the Disaster Response & Resilience Fund.

This 6-month report highlights the successes and ongoing funding needs following the quakes identified through the work of the foundation and its community partners.

Read the report or download the file at: bit.ly/eelriverquake.

Wildfires spur \$120,000 in response, resilience grants

As wildfires burned throughout our 4-county service region in August, the foundation activated its Community Response Team (CRT) to help get resources to our most vulnerable friends and neighbors.

As of September 8, HAF+WRCF awarded more than a dozen grants totaling more than \$120,000. These funds have helped our community partners provide generators, air filters, hygiene kits, non-perishable foods, gas cards and other necessities to those affected by the fires.

Funding is provided through HAF+WRCF's Disaster Response and Resilience Fund (DRRF), established in 2021 as a response to the 2020-21 fire season. Funded by contributions of individual donors and philanthropic partners, the DRRF has assisted groups that provide community support for those most vulnerable in response to fires, storm events, earthquakes, and other natural and human-made disasters.

"It's incredible to see the response and generosity of individual residents, first responders, businesses, tribes, local government, nonprofits and many others," said Craig Woods, HAF+WRCF's Department Director for Programs and Community Solutions.



Volunteers with the nonprofit Pay It Forward Humboldt used their grant to buy and send supplies to residents of Del Norte County forced to evacuate or live without power because of the Smith River Complex Fire in August.

Disaster Response & Resilience Fund Grant Recipients

Emergency Supplies:

- Big Rock Community Services District
- Brookings CORE Response
- Brookings Harbor Community Helpers
- City of Crescent City
- Del Norte Search and Rescue
- Pay It Forward Humboldt
- St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
- True North Organizing Network

Food security:

- Del Norte and Adjacent Tribal Lands Community Food Council
- Del Norte Unified School District
- Rural Human Services

Emergency fire response, safety & fuels reduction

- Mid-Klamath Watershed Council

Donate: hafoundation.org/disasterfund

Grant supports lifejacket project

The Rotary Club of Brookings and Curry County Aquatic Safety (CCAS) this summer installed a Life Jacket Loaner Station at Loeb State Park on the Chetco River.

The Rotary Club received a grant from HAF+WRCF to purchase a kiosk sign and, through the assistance of CCAS, are providing the lifejackets and maintaining the station.

Loeb State Park, located about eight miles east of Brookings, is a popular swimming hole and a year-round boating access point for kayakers, standup paddleboarders, and winter and fall drift fishermen.

According to the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB), the majority of drownings that occur on Oregon's waterways are people not wearing a lifejacket.

CCSA plans to implement another five stations in Curry County in partnership with Agness Fire and Rescue, Curry Watershed Partnerships, the Port of Gold Beach, U.S. Forest Service, Curry County Parks, city of Port Orford, Port of Port Orford, and the OSMB.

Artists sought for Victor Jacoby Award

Humboldt County artists specializing in weaving, spinning and dyeing are encouraged to apply for the 2023 Victor Thomas Jacoby Award, which supports up to four artists by awarding each \$10,000.

Each fall, local artists are invited to apply for the award — established through a generous bequest from Victor Thomas Jacoby. Applicants can expect to highlight the vision behind their artistic innovation and plans to bring their art to the next level.

Applications will be accepted through October 15, 2023, and are online at hafoundation.org/apply.



The CORE HUB delegation traveled to Washington D.C. in May to share how strategies such as public-private partnerships, community benefits agreements, civic participation structures, and community-led investments could catalyze sustainable development and minimize environmental and community impacts resulting from unmitigated infrastructure deployment.

Delegation takes message of climate equity, resilience to D.C.

Earlier this year, participants in the Redwood Region Climate & Community Resilience Hub (CORE Hub) visited Washington D.C. to share a bold vision of climate resilience, social equity, sustainable economic development, and Tribal and community engagement in the Pacific coastal region.

The region includes the California counties of Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity, Oregon's Curry County, and 27 Tribal Nations and ancestral Indigenous territories.

As the region prepares for a heavy-lift marine terminal in Humboldt Bay, and as many as 100 floating wind turbines to be installed across 207 square miles of federal waters offshore of Humboldt County, the CORE Hub is elevating the need for equitable and sustainable investment centered on low-income and Tribal communities, fishermen, workers, and others who could be most impacted by this development.

The D.C. trip built upon active conversations with state and federal officials,

issue experts, and thought leaders, to encourage innovative models of community benefits and Tribal leadership, and place-based climate policies.

The group visiting Washington D.C. included Bryna Lipper, CEO of HAF+WRCF and co-founder of the CORE Hub; Fernando Campos, Business Representative and Political Director for Laborers International Union (LIUNA) Local 324; Jana Ganion, Director of Sustainability and Government Affairs for Blue Lake Rancheria and Co-Founder of the CORE Hub; Jill Sherman-Warne Hoopa Valley Tribe Council member and Executive Director of the Native American Environmental Protection Coalition; and Mike Wilson, a Humboldt County Supervisor and California State Coastal Commissioner. Together, the delegation represented a broad range of stakeholders interested in ensuring development around the Redwood Region is equitable, clean, and non-extractive.

Read the full story at hafoundation.org/news.