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## **\$100,000 in Grants Awarded to Advance Racial and Social Equity** *North State Equity Fund Will Help 19 Agencies*

REDDING, CA (May 13, 2022) — The North State Equity Fund (NSEF) announced today it was awarding a total of \$100,000 in grants to support non-profits working to advance racial and social equity in the region.

A collaboration between United Way of Northern California (UWNC) and North Valley Community Foundation, NSEF is also funded by McConnell Foundation, S.H. Cowell Foundation, and the Sundial Fund of Marin Community Foundation. The Sundial Fund is routing its contribution through the Community Foundation of the North State.

Sixteen grants in total were announced. Two of the largest awards support collaborative efforts between multiple organizations. Trinity Together will collaborate with NorCal Outreach and Stonewall Alliance to support LGBTQ community activities in Trinity County, with an award totaling \$11,250. And Toyon-Wintu Center will work with Wintu Language Web to increase access to Wintu language programs and resources in Shasta County. The Fund is providing a \$10,000 grant.

“We are excited about those collaborations because one of the main goals of the Fund is to encourage organizations to network with one another and build longstanding relationships,” said Melody Proebstel, UWNC Senior Director for Community Engagement, who administers the Fund.

### Other awardees:

\$10,000 Seeds of Ancestral Renewal (Siskiyou County)  
\$8,500 Dr. MLK Jr. Annual Breakfast, Scholarship & Technology Awards (Butte County)  
\$8,000 Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou County)  
\$7,500 Northstate Women’s Health Network (Shasta County)  
\$6,250 Northern California Youth Feather Dancers (Shasta County)  
\$6,200 Indigenous Language Network (Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, and Siskiyou Counties)  
\$5,200 Bethel AME Chico – Transforming Community Project (Butte County)  
\$5,000 Civic Hacker Network (Shasta County)  
\$5,000 Hmong Cultural Center of Butte County

\$5,000 Shasta Scout (Shasta County)  
\$5,000 The Sikh Centre (Shasta, Glenn, and Tehama Counties)  
\$2,600 Celebrating Life One Event at a Time (Butte County)  
\$2,500 Red Bluff High School Diversity Club (Tehama County)  
\$2,000 Shasta Beloved Community (Shasta County)

As the Equity Fund grows, grant opportunities will continue to advance collaboration, accountability, and healing in the realm of racial justice. Tax-deductible contributions can be made online at [www.norcalunitedway.org](http://www.norcalunitedway.org) or via check payable to UWNC, mailed to United Way of Northern California, c/o North State Equity Fund, 3300 Churn Creek Rd, Redding, CA 96002.

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**About United Way of Northern California:**

United Way of Northern California (UWNC) was established in Redding in 1953 and serves nine counties: Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity. Its mission is to fight for the education, income, and health of all residents in the community. UWNC is active in disaster relief and recovery. raises funds for non-profit agencies and operates human services helplines in Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama counties, accessed by dialing 211. For more information about United Way of Northern California visit [www.norcalunitedway.org](http://www.norcalunitedway.org).

**About North Valley Community Foundation:**

Through partnership, financial services, training, and education, Chico-based North Valley Community Foundation is the North Valley's hub for philanthropy, helping individuals, families, businesses, and non-profits maximize their impact on the local and global community. Learn more at [nvcf.org](http://nvcf.org).