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Auction Napa Valley delivers shelter, housing grants

Vintners slowly shifting to other priorities

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The Napa Valley Vintners announced its fifth set of grants from the proceeds of the 2012 Auction Napa Valley fundraiser.

The Vintners will give \$840,000 to help those living at or below the poverty level receive food and shelter.

“It’s nearly impossible to be a productive member of your family or community if you don’t know where your next meal will come from or have to worry about having a roof over your head,” said Napa Valley Vintners Executive Director Linda Reiff. “These funds will help solve the most immediate problems affecting those living at or below the poverty level — or at risk of doing so — to help them be able to get back on their feet.”

The eight agencies receiving grants are:

- Community Action Napa Valley
- Napa Valley Community Housing
- Napa County Housing Authority
- Fair Housing Napa Valley
- Legal Aid of Napa Valley
- Catholic Charities
- The Salvation Army
- Calistoga Affordable Housing.

Community Action Napa Valley will be receiving \$240,000, which will go toward two of its programs: Meals on Wheels and housing. The grant to Community Action Napa Valley is one of several that have been termed “phase-out” grants.

Last year, the Vintners announced that Auction giving would shift its focus to two main areas: community health and children’s education. “Phase-out” grants would be provided to organizations — primarily in housing — that no longer meet the Vintners’ long-term giving goals.

The Vintners have supported Community Action Napa Valley’s housing program for about eight years. Money from the Vintners allowed CANV to receive federal stimulus funds to grow their Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing program, according to Charlene Horton,

development director for CANV.

Horton said she's known for more than a year that the Vintners' contributions would be phased out, and they're applying for new grants from other sources. Horton said she was thankful for the Vintners' support.

"We're so grateful to Auction Napa Valley for continuing to help us with this project while we look for additional funds," she said.

Altogether, the Vintners will bestow \$7 million divided into six allocations from the 2012 auction.