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CALIFORNIA FIRE FOUNDATION, NEXTERA ENERGY RESOURCES PARTNER TO AID AT-RISK COMMUNITIES IN COVID-19 OUTBREAK

(SACRAMENTO) As California and the world wrestle with the COVID-19 outbreak, the California Fire Foundation and NextEra Energy Resources are stepping forward to help communities severely impacted by the pandemic. Through a generous \$50,000 donation from NextEra Energy Resources, the California Fire Foundation today announced direct grants to groups providing nutritional and economic support in hard-hit regions of the state, including Fresno, Kern County and the Inland Empire.

“As front-line medical responders, California’s firefighters see the health effects and the human devastation of the COVID-19 epidemic up close,” said Brian K. Rice, chair of the California Fire Foundation and president of California Professional Firefighters. “Our foundation has supported communities heavily impacted by disasters, and thanks to the support from NextEra, we are proud to continue that commitment in this crisis.”

Non-profit services to receive support through the Foundation include:

- Fresno: [Poverello House](#), providing meals and support to local shelters and rural service providers; [Central California Food Bank](#), which seen need for services double in the wake of the crisis.
- Kern Co.: [Community Action Partnership of Kern Co. Food Bank](#), also seeing a dramatic rise in need for service.
- Inland Empire: [Feeding America Inland Empire](#), providing meals for seniors and others at increase COVID-19 risk
- Statewide: [Children of Restaurant Employees](#), supporting the families of an especially devastated industry.

“As the COVID-19 pandemic unfolds we are committed to assisting the most vulnerable in our communities as we work through these difficult times together,” said Matt Handel, NextEra Energy Resources senior vice president of development. “Americans are not strangers to hardship and I’m confident that, with partners like the California Fire Foundation, we will be made stronger by meeting these challenges. Through it all, NextEra Energy Resources will continue to support the communities we serve.”

Today’s grants are the first of an ongoing commitment by the Foundation to provide funding and support for community-based organizations that are on the front lines helping those facing the greatest risk from COVID-19. The support from NextEra Energy Resources is part of a \$1.5 million in assistance and support being provided nationwide by NextEra Energy Foundation.

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The California Fire Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, provides emotional and financial assistance to families of fallen firefighters, firefighters and the communities they protect. Formed in 1987 by California Professional Firefighters, the California Fire Foundation’s mission includes survivor and victim assistance programs and a range of community initiatives. cafirefoundation.org.