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**CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TAKES FIRST STEPS
TOWARD MAKING GRANTS FOR WILDFIRE RECOVERY EFFORTS**

LOS ANGELES—The California Community Foundation on Friday released an assessment tool for community-based organizations in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties affected by the recent wildfires to apply for funding. The online tool will help identify the most affected areas and inform the foundation’s grantmaking to support wildfire recovery efforts. The foundation has so far raised nearly \$1 million from the public and institutional supporters.

“The worst may have passed but the hard work of picking up the pieces begins now,” said Antonia Hernández, President & CEO at the foundation. “We will ensure the needs of affected communities are met so vulnerable populations won’t fall through the cracks.”

There will be a brief application process following the initial assessment, with the grants scheduled to be disbursed by January 2008. Grants will originate from the foundation’s Southern California Wildfire Relief Fund and will support recovery efforts in parts of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The foundation will prioritize intermediate and long-term recovery efforts focusing on needy populations and nonprofits serving affected areas. The foundation will also support wildfire preparedness efforts. The Relief Fund was established following the 2003 wildfires and raised more than \$1 million at the time to support recovery efforts.

Founded in 1915, the California Community Foundation is one of the leading philanthropic organizations in Los Angeles County, managing more than \$1 billion in assets. Each year, it grants over \$100 million as investments in the future of our local communities. The foundation partners with individual donors and actively supports nonprofit organizations to address diverse and dynamic needs of our communities. The expertise and commitment of CCF enables individuals, families and organizations to fulfill their charitable goals and dreams. To learn more, visit the foundation’s Web site at www.calfund.org.

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