



# Anderson Valley Wines Community Action Fund

*A New Pathway for Meaningful, Local Impact*

## Our Vision

Anderson Valley is a small, rural, unincorporated community producing some of California's most acclaimed wines. Yet behind the prestige lies a region where residents shoulder the burden of essential services on their own. Our vision is to build a resilient valley where those who grow and make these world-class wines can thrive — not just survive.

## The Challenge

Because Anderson Valley is unincorporated, the Community Services District must fund and manage critical services that a municipality would normally support: fire protection, emergency response, basic infrastructure, recreation, and more.

This reality means that **local donations are consistently diverted toward essential services**, leaving very little available for:

- Education and youth programs
- Human services and support for vulnerable residents
- Environmental and conservation initiatives
- Cultural, historical, and community-building efforts

In a region with limited philanthropic capacity, this imbalance widens every year.

## Who This Supports

Strengthening Anderson Valley means strengthening the people who define it:

- Vineyard workers and multigenerational farming families
- Seniors aging in place
- Students and young families with limited access to programs
- Local nonprofits filling critical service gaps with minimal funding
- The agricultural community that drives Anderson Valley's global reputation

## A New Solution: The Anderson Valley Wines Community Action Fund

We're excited to share that the Anderson Valley Winegrowers Association is partnering with the



**Community Foundation of Mendocino County** to establish the **Anderson Valley Wines Community Action Fund** — a 501(c)(3) charitable fund managed by the Foundation.

This Fund will:

- Provide a **trusted, transparent vehicle** for charitable giving
- Accept **tax-deductible donations** from individuals, wineries, and corporate partners
- Direct resources to **local charities, core services, and residents in need**
- Build long-term philanthropic capacity in a region with limited funding streams
- Ensure donations are strategically invested for **maximum community impact**

## The Opportunity Ahead

With support from engaged partners and individual donors, we can shift Anderson Valley from a community in constant catch-up mode to one with stability, opportunity, and a sustainable future. Your investment will catalyze:

- Stronger safety-net services for those who support the wine industry
- Expanded education and youth programs
- Environmental and historical stewardship
- Community vitality that preserves this globally significant winegrowing region

In Anderson Valley, **a small investment creates an outsized impact** — strengthening the people and place behind one of California's most remarkable wine regions.

## How To Give

**Donation by Credit Card:** Via [this link](#) or scan the QR code here:



**Donation by Mail:**

Community Foundation of Mendocino County  
204 South Oak St.  
Ukiah, CA 95482  
Memo: Anderson Valley Wines Community Fund

## Donation by Stock or Other Appreciated Assets:

Many donors choose to give through appreciated securities, which may offer meaningful tax advantages while maximizing support for our community.

Contact Lia Holbrook at [lia@communityfound.org](mailto:lia@communityfound.org)  
or (707) 472-1680.

### Why Some Donors Give Stock

Donating appreciated securities—such as publicly traded stock—can be one of the most tax-efficient ways to give.

By contributing stock directly, donors may **avoid capital-gains tax and maximize the impact of their gift**, allowing more support to reach Anderson Valley's essential services and local nonprofits.



## 501(c)3 Charitable Organizations in Anderson Valley



Grant awards can be paid out to 501(c)3 organizations, including, but not limited to list below:

Charity Type	Organization	Mission / Focus
Community, Health & Human Services	Anderson Valley Health Center	Community medical, dental, and behavioral health services.
Community, Health & Human Services	Anderson Valley Food Bank	Provides food security programs for local residents.
Community, Health & Human Services	Anderson Valley Senior Citizens Center	Serves meals, social programs, and resources for older adults.
Community, Health & Human Services	Anderson Valley Housing Association	Develops and manages affordable housing in Anderson Valley.
Community, Health & Human Services	Anderson Valley Village	Supports aging-in-place and volunteer assistance for seniors.
Community, Health & Human Services	Felines of Philo	Animal rescue nonprofit dedicated to caring for and rehoming cats.
Community, Health & Human Services	Boont Tribe Community School (unconfirmed 501c3)	Nature-based alternative education program; nonprofit status to be confirmed.
Community, Health & Human Services	Anderson Valley Unity Club	Offers scholarships to local students.
Environment & Conservation	Anderson Valley Land Trust	Protects agricultural and open-space lands through conservation easements.
Environment & Conservation	Anderson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association	Supports the Fire Department through fundraising and community safety programs.
Environment & Conservation	Anderson Valley Fire Department	Provides emergency response and fire protection services (governmental unit; charitable auxiliary applies).
Education & History	Anderson Valley Education Foundation	Supports local schools through grants and scholarships.
Education & History	Anderson Valley Historical Society	Preserves and shares the history of Anderson Valley.
Education & History	Anderson Valley ElderHome	Provides assisted living and housing for seniors.
Other Local Charitable Entities	Anderson Valley Animal Rescue (via Felines of Philo partnership)	Animal welfare and rescue services.