



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 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	Boon 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.