

Community Foundation of the Napa Valley

How you helped us make a difference in 2006

Neighbors Fund. Nearly \$500,000 was distributed to assist victims of the New Year's Flood on the Napa River. On Sunday, January 1, the flood waters had receded, but some 1,200 individuals were homeless. That morning, our Board held an emergency meeting to devise a plan to help. We talked with government and nonprofit leaders, and decided to offer supplemental aid to flood victims – for food, household items and temporary housing. The Neighbors Fund was launched the same day. By Friday, generous people like you had contributed \$500,000. During the next 12 weeks, all but \$15,000 of this amount was distributed to local nonprofits to assist people in need.



What we learned: There is strength in numbers. By pooling and focusing contributions from many donors, we were able to help more people more quickly than any one donor or foundation acting alone could have.

Calistoga Community Pool. We helped complete the \$1.5 million private fundraising effort for this much-needed recreational and health facility. To do so, we made \$300,000 in matching grants and hired a consultant to help the all-volunteer pool committee raise money more effectively. The result was greatly accelerated progress: in 18 months, the project raised two-thirds of the capital it needed. (The first one-third had taken more than a decade.) The City of Calistoga plans to break ground for the pool in early 2007.



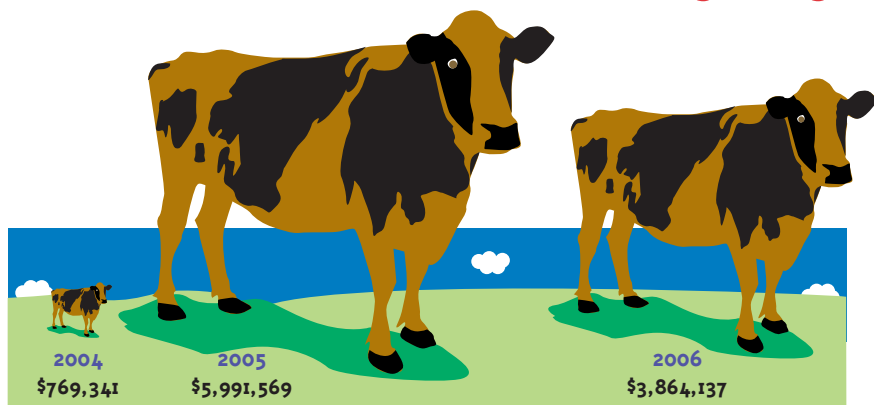
What we learned: Leverage makes a big difference. In this case, the challenge grants provided by anonymous Community Foundation donors attracted new money to the project and boosted it skyward like a rocket.

Fund for the Arts. We responded to the crisis in the local arts and culture sector with nearly \$100,000 in support for the Napa Valley Arts Council. This group facilitated six meetings among the leadership of major local arts organizations, culminating in a decision to create a strategic plan for the arts in Napa County. This cultural plan will be based on hard data and community input. It will address questions like what

performances and exhibits people want to see, and at what price; how to grow our audience base; and how to encourage visitors to support local arts groups, artists and venues.

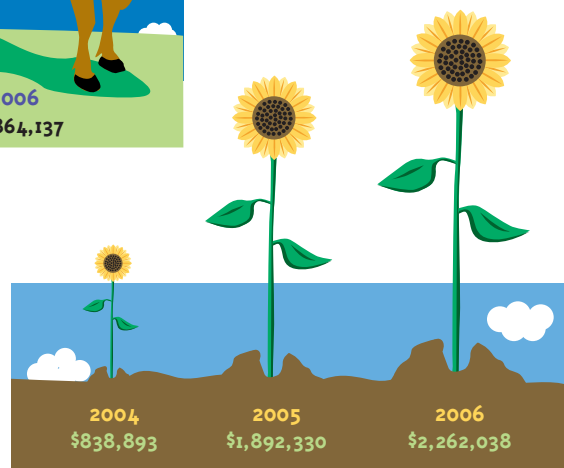
What we learned: Infrastructure is important. With the closure of 10 nonprofit arts groups and galleries in recent months, the arts sector is like a neighborhood where every other house is about to ignite. Making the Arts Council stronger is – we believe – like buying a new fire truck: an investment that will help everyone in the long run.

Financial Highlights

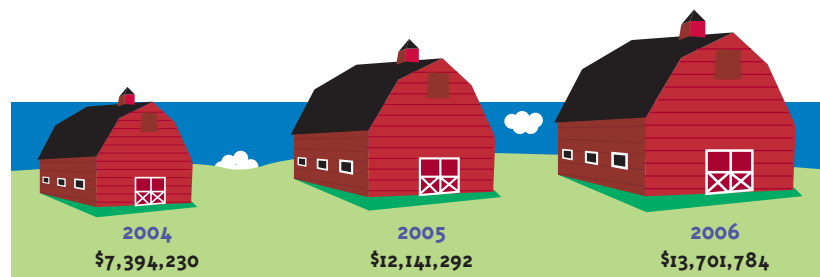


Gifts Received

With help from you and others, the Community Foundation distributed \$2.26 million in grants last year. Nearly ninety percent of these grants went to charities in Napa County. Funding areas included: arts and culture, disaster relief, youth development, health and wellness, education, community development, children and families, the environment and recreation.



Grants Made



Total Assets

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. Please note: Total assets in 2006 include CFNV Charitable Real Estate Fund.