

Watsonville earthquake fund at \$900,000 after donation

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WATSONVILLE — More money is flowing into the city's earthquake relief fund, bringing the total donations to more than \$900,000.

Last week, the city received \$45,000 from KGO/Channel 7 TV in San Francisco. The station sold some 15,000 of its videos of the earthquake to raise funds for the cities of Watsonville, Santa Cruz, Los Gatos, Oakland and San Francisco.

City Councilwoman Betty Murphy picked up the check for Watsonville on Wednesday in a ceremony in Oakland. Santa Cruz didn't send a representative.

Watsonville also received another check for \$50,000 from Bill Graham Productions

and KQED/Channel 9. Graham had already donated \$200,000 to Watsonville and \$100,000 to St. Patrick's church on Dec. 20.

The funds are proceeds from a series of benefit concerts held over Thanksgiving weekend and broadcast on KQED. The first of those shows was held at Watsonville High's Geiser Stadium.

The Plumbers and Steamfitters Union Local 393 in San Jose contributed \$10,000 to Watsonville's disaster relief fund earlier this month.

Assistant City Manager Chuck Comstock said more than \$900,000 has been raised to date for the city's disaster-relief fund. The city has distributed some \$430,000 to needy families and has many more applications for assistance to consider.