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Vermont Outdoor Business Alliance

Navigating Flood Recovery Financial Assistance for Vermont Businesses

**Monday, July 24th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Virtual Forum**



As Vermont navigates the aftermath of historic flooding and its impact on our communities, businesses across the state are grappling with meeting the immediate needs of their families, employees, and business while trying to figure out where and how to apply for financial assistance.

In response, Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility and [Vermont Outdoor Business Alliance](#) are partnering to host this virtual forum which will include panelists offering public and private financial assistance to discuss the resources available to businesses and organizations, how to navigate the system, and Q&A.

[Register for this free event.](#)

We will be joined by ...

Linda Rossi & Debra Boudrieau, Vermont Small Business Development Center

Patti Komline, Vermont Main Street Flood Recovery Fund

Weiwei Wang, Vermont Professionals of Color Network

Emile F. Willett Jr., Union Mutual

This conversation will be facilitated by ...

Kelly Ault, Vermont Outdoor Business Alliance

Roxanne Vought, Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility

Find resources on [VOBA'S Flood Recovery webpage](#) and via the [VBSR Flood Recovery Guide for Businesses](#).

Register



OUTDOOR BUSINESS SUPPORT FOR VERMONT

Bivo is donating 100% of the profit from a new [Happy Holsteins bottle](#) to [New Farms for New Americans](#), a program that provides land for refugee and immigrant families in Vermont to farm and during the flood. One hundred families lost food for seven months in the recent flooding.

Vermont Glove is donating 50% of proceeds from Vermont Strong engraved

gloves through August 6 and Darn Tough recently wrapped up a fundraiser for the [VT Flood Response and Recovery Fund 2023](#).

Skida is donating 20% of proceeds from the sale of a [collection](#) to the [Vermont Farm Fund](#) through the end of July.

[Let us know](#) about your fundraiser or interest in donating product or services.

VERMONT FLOOD RECOVERY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

VERMONT MAIN STREET FLOOD RECOVERY FUND

The [Vermont Main Street Flood Recovery Fund](#) is currently [accepting tax-deductible donations](#) to provide grants to small businesses in the range of \$2,500-\$10,000. Businesses can currently [apply](#) to cover costs such as equipment replacement, supplies, and clean-up.

MONTPELIER STRONG RECOVERY FUND

Montpelier Alive and the Montpelier Foundation have created the Montpelier Strong Recovery Fund. Donations can be made on [montpelierfoundation.org](#) or [montpelieralive.com/flood2023](#).

BUSINESS EMERGENCY GAP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) has announced the [Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program](#) to provide \$20 million in state grants for Vermont businesses and nonprofits that suffered physical losses in the flood. Details are coming for business owners to apply for grants to support

demonstrated losses to their physical space and replacements of inventory, machinery, equipment, and supplies. Find [resources](#) on ACCD's Flood Resources.

FLOOD DISASTER RECOVERY LOANS

The Vermont State Employees Credit Union (VSECU) in partnership with the Vermont Community Foundation is offering 0% financing on up to \$3,000 for Vermont residents with an emergency loan. Learn more [here](#).

VT FLOOD RESPONSE AND RECOVERY FUND 2023

The Vermont Community Foundation is accepting donations for the [VT Flood Response and Recovery Fund 2023](#) to support Vermonters responding to and recovering from the floods.

VERMONT FLOOD RECOVERY RESOURCES

Our hearts go out to the families, neighbors, business owners, and employees impacted by flooding around the state. We are deeply grateful for the collective action, volunteerism, and generosity of resources in our communities as clean up continues and economic and community recovery begins.

We acknowledge that support for our brave little state comes in the form of visiting the many communities that can be accessed safely and shopping at the businesses that are open or have reopened. Recreate responsibly and support local businesses!

Find flood resources on VOBA's resource [webpage](#).

[Tell VOBA](#) about your flood impacts and questions or [email](#) directly so we can assist in navigating options and redirecting to expertise. Let us know about your fundraiser.

[Tell VOBA](#) about donations or in kind services you would like to offer affected and non-affected Vermont outdoor businesses and organizations as part of a VOBA exchange network.

Stay Vermont strong!



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