



Potential for Funding Announced

TO: Partners responding to the Flooding in Barre City
FROM: The Vermont Disaster Relief Fund
DATE: July 23, 2015
RE: VDRF Funding

The Board of the Vermont Disaster Relief Fund (VDRF) met July 22nd. Assisted by the information shared by Barre Fire Chief Tim Bombardier, Vermont 211 and other VDRF partners, the Board concluded that the scope and scale of the damage caused by the storms of July 19, 2015, warrants activation of the Fund and consideration of grants to assist with unmet disaster recovery needs.

As in previous disasters in which the VDRF has provided recovery assistance, funding requests will need to be presented to the Fund's Allocation Committee by a disaster case manager. That case manager will have worked with the survivor to determine the *disaster caused unmet need*, assess the availability of resources (i.e. insurance, state resources, personal resources), and formulate the request presented to the VDRF.

By way of recap of how the VDRF provides funding, payments are made directly to contractors or stores and not directly to effected individuals/families.

The VDRF will work with the community to identify case managers and help people move into the recovery phase.

The Fund is unable to assist businesses or landlords. Funding requests may be submitted for owner occupied homes and, in some cases, renters may receive funding to replace essential personal property. There is no reimbursement for out of pocket expenses.

Please call 211 if you are trying to recover from the July 19th flooding, have disaster caused unmet needs, and are trying to develop a plan to recover. You will need to answer some questions and someone will get back to you within 1 week. 211 is available 24 hours a day seven days a week.