

Woodstock (VT) Area Flood Relief Fund

Serving Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Pomfret, Reading and Woodstock

Phase 2 Grant Application

Submission deadline for requests is Tuesday, November 1st, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

The Woodstock Area Flood Relief Fund is intended to provide basic assistance to those who suffered hardship and loss caused by Hurricane Irene, cover essential costs and to help individuals get back on their feet as soon as possible. It is not intended to replace insurance policies or to be a blanket program to assist residents for all damages and losses. In Phase 2, the fund is designed to contribute to the difference (gap) between money you have received from FEMA, insurance, and other sources, and your remaining needs.

* Requests for assistance up to \$1,000 may be submitted on the Woodstock Relief Fund Small Grants Application. Contact the Sustainable Woodstock office for that one page application.

The following is a general list of eligible and ineligible items:

Primary Residence

Eligible Individuals	Ineligible Individuals
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Homeowner- Resident or tenant, for personal property only- Income sensitive, as defined by the State of Vermont	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Owner of a second home- Renter of a second home
Examples of Eligible Costs	Examples of Ineligible Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Restoration, repair or replacement to pre-Irene condition of primary residence and driveways- Clean up of property for safety reasons or to provide access to primary residence- Emergency living costs- Essential furnishings and appliances- Heat and utilities- Tools or other items essential to the claimant's circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Loss of income, loss of opportunity, or inconvenience- Insurance deductibles- Non-essential furnishings and appliances- Luxury items- Personal injury- Fences- Landscaping- Personal vehicles

The Woodstock VT Area Flood Relief Fund is a group of volunteers working under the auspices of Sustainable Woodstock, a non-profit community action group.

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When filling out the application please note that:

1. "Members of the household" include all occupants such as:
 - Adult children who live with you
 - Roommates
 - Other income earning adults

2. "Total annual household income" from all household members includes, but is not limited to:
 - Alimony
 - Child Support
 - Disability income
 - Distributions from Estates/Trusts
 - Other income

3. Under "description of need" we ask for copies of relevant reports or estimates to help us understand the extent of your need. Please attach documentation that provides the review committee with an estimated cost of the work. Grants cannot be made directly to homeowners; assistance will only be made in payments to vendors or businesses.

Some resources for determining need are:

- FEMA - The starting point for anyone who has suffered loss should be the Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA (<http://www.fema.gov/assistance/process/assistance.shtm> or call 800-621-3362).
- Efficiency Vermont has several flood specific initiatives to help homeowners and small businesses recover. (Go to http://www.efficiencyvermont.com/about_us/efficiency_vermont_news/irene_recovery.aspx or call 888-921-5990).
- The Small Business Administration (SBA), in its disaster relief role, provides low interest disaster loans to homeowners and renters as well as businesses of all sizes. (See: <http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/loans-grants/small-business-loans/disaster-loans> or call them at 800-490-2498.)

The processing of applications and other relief and assistance activities shall be accomplished in a fair and impartial manner, without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age or economic status.