



Attention Businesses affected by Tropical Storm Irene

Many businesses were impacted by the recent flooding in the area and the Franklin County CDC and town governments have made a special loan fund available to help them clean up and rebuild.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has [Disaster Loans available](#) which businesses should apply for, but they might not cover everything or be timely enough. The Four Town Loan Fund, which the CDC administers for the towns of Greenfield, Shelburne, Buckland and Montague, is available immediately. This fund, plus other loan funds from the CDC for all towns, are available for short-term bridge loans as businesses await FEMA or insurance money, or can be structured as longer-term loans to put the business in good shape for the future. For more information, contact Amy, John or Alan at 413-774-7204, or [visit our website www.fccdc.org](#)

The Shelburne Falls Area Business Association (SFABA) with the support of the Central Connecticut River Valley Institute (CCRVI) has also established the [West County Relief fund](#) to receive funds from the public to be used for relief from the damage caused by Hurricane Irene. Funds will be given out to individuals, families, and businesses to fill needs not met by funds from Federal, State and non-profit sources. Funds raised will be distributed by a committee established by the SFABA.

Donors can make donations (please make checks payable to West County Relief Fund) at any branch of the Greenfield Saving Bank, WHAI, McCusker's Market, Mocha Maya's, Keystone Market, and other area businesses.) Checks made out to West County Relief Fund may be mailed to CCRVI, 6 Warren Court, Shelburne Falls, MA, 01370, to the SFABA, PO Box 42, Shelburne Falls, MA, 01370.

The Farm Service Agency also has disaster assistance programs for farms and small businesses to help them get back up and running. You can find more information about Emergency Farm Loans and other programs by [clicking here](#) or visiting www.fsa.usda.gov