

Please support **base-funding of \$500,000 for the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) Community Grant Program**, which is within the Dept. of Forest, Parks and Recreation. The FY27 Gov's Recommended Budget currently includes **one-time** funding for the VOREC grant program which is a proven tool to strengthen communities, grow local economies, and inspire stewardship of natural resources.

The VOREC grant program has a strong return on investment from \$11.2 million in 84 grants to businesses, organizations, and municipalities across all 14 counties since 2019.

Thank you for your consideration,

RJ Thompson