



Hello, Cultivator Community,

After much consideration, we are sharing some difficult news: **Cultivator will be closing as an organization in mid-October 2026.**

Cultivator was created to support innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship in the Randolph region, to help local businesses and entrepreneurs find resources, build skills, make connections, and move their ideas forward. Since launching our programming, we have had the privilege of working with more than **150 businesses and entrepreneurs** and offering **dozens of programs, workshops, cohorts, and advising opportunities.**

We are incredibly proud of what we've built and, most importantly, of the people and relationships that have made Cultivator what it is.

Why are we closing?

Over the past two years, shifts in the federal and nonprofit funding landscape have significantly changed the environment in which we operate. We have worked to identify sustainable funding to continue Cultivator, but have not been able to secure the resources needed to operate beyond our current funding period.

This is not a reflection of a lack of need. We continue to see tremendous opportunity to support entrepreneurs and small businesses in our region. But without a sustainable funding model, we have determined that closing the organization is the only option available to us.

While this is a difficult ending, we are proud of what Cultivator has accomplished and grateful to everyone who helped make it possible.

We still have a little more to do.

Our **final Business Model Canvas cohort** is currently underway with six local entrepreneurs, and we will celebrate their work at a capstone gathering in early October.

Coworking at the White River Craft Center will continue through August and on select days in September, and **one-on-one business support** will remain available with Abbey through the closing.

We are also creating the **Cultivator Entrepreneur Resource Library**, an online collection of business resources, tools, and educational materials that will remain available after Cultivator closes. There are also many organizations and programs throughout Vermont that continue to support entrepreneurs and small businesses, and we encourage you to continue seeking out those connections.

Thank you.

Cultivator would not have existed without the entrepreneurs, businesses, partners, mentors, volunteers, community members, and supporters who showed up, shared their knowledge, made connections, and believed in the importance of this work.

The organization may be ending, but **the businesses, relationships, ideas, and connections that came out of this work aren't going anywhere.**

Thank you for being part of Cultivator's story. We look forward to celebrating this community and our final cohort together in the coming weeks as well as to making sure the resources we've built continue to be available for the entrepreneurs who come next.

Truly, thank you,

Abbey, Program Manager

