Maine’s island and coastal communities are made up of a tapestry of small businesses that are woven into the fabric of each community. The Island Institute’s Small Business Team understands the opportunities and challenges of these communities and the businesses that support them. From getting raw materials to islands to shipping products on a global scale, we can provide some of the resources and guidance needed to increase the long-term sustainability of businesses that power Maine’s coastal and creative economy.

**STARTING A BUSINESS**

- **START UP SUPPORT**
  We can help you with your business plan from the very start, including funding and professional development.

- **DIGITAL LITERACY TRAINING**
  We work with partners who can help with anything from setting up your new computer, to figuring out how to video conference and more.

- **ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING**
  We offer one-on-one support or can connect you with experts who have years of experience in your field.

**SUSTAINING A BUSINESS**

- **SHARING SOLUTIONS**
  Our Commercial Currents Newsletter provides small business resources and up to date information.

- **NAVIGATING FINANCIAL SUPPORT**
  Applications for federal, state, and local financial aid can be overwhelming. We’ll help you make sense of it.

- **MARKETING**
  Whether it’s webinars or workshops, we’ll provide you with the tools to grow your brand and audience.

**FUNDING**

- **TOM GLENN COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND**
  Grants for innovative business models to build resilient systems in our changing world (i.e. building an online presence, utilizing new digital platforms).

- **BUSINESS RESILIENCE GRANTS: UP TO $1,500**

- **CATALYST LOANS: $5,000 - $25,000**
  To support small business growth for island and coastal businesses that demonstrate social, environmental, and financial impacts in their communities.