

How to Search the *Vermont Resource Guide* with the Recovery Project Matrix

The *Vermont Resource Guide* offers more than 800 sources of funding or technical assistance to be used by the citizens of communities recovering from disasters. FEMA Long Term Community Recovery (LTCR) has also developed a companion tool to the *Resource Guide* intended to make it easier for community members to identify federal programs or charitable organizations which provide funding or technical assistance that will make recovery projects a reality. The tool is called the Recovery Project Matrix of Potential Resource Guide Support (RPI) which will accompany the *Resource Guide*.

The *Recovery Project Matrix* provides a table of specific recovery projects matched to the titles of *Resource Guide* profiles of organizations that support that type of work. Please note, the *Resource Guide* and the *Matrix* are introductory references only. They are not intended to provide comprehensive overview of funding, technical assistance programs or support organizations. While the *Resource Guide* and the *Matrix* provide identifiers for many of these programs, they are by no means a complete or perfect compilation. Please view both documents as starting points for individual research. Some programs described in this guide are available only after a presidential declaration of disaster, but others are available without a declaration. However, when used together the *Resource Guide* and Recovery Project Matrix may help save time while providing some potential resources during an initial search for project support.

These documents may be used together in one of two ways.

1. Print a hard copy of the sector sheets in the Recovery Guide Matrix then open an electronic version of the Recovery Guide on a desktop.
 - A. Cross reference profile titles from a hard copy of the Recovery Project Matrix to those in the Table of Contents in an electronic version of the *Resource Guide*.
 - B. Select a profile title in the *Resource Guide* Table of Contents which will advance the document automatically to the corresponding profile page.
2. Open both documents on a desktop, and then toggle between the two files.
 - A. Select and copy the resource profile title listed on the Project Matrix sector worksheet. Select the title only to the semicolon; do not include the semicolon or the CFDA number.
 - B. Pastes the title into the search window located in the upper center section of the *Resource Guide* PDF then click the search arrow icon to the right of the search window.
 - C. The *Resource Guide* search function will link to the title listed in the Table of Contents or directly to the profile itself. If the link is located in the Table of Contents, press the Enter key to reach the profile.

The *Guide* presents numerous programs that may be of assistance during disaster recovery – depending upon the circumstances, community needs and available resources. **Please verify the applicability of a particular program with the responsible agency.** The user should always directly consult the provider of a potential resource for program changes and updates. Resources in the *Guide* are identified for general informational purposes only, and compiled with publicly available information or with information provided by sources that is publicly obtainable.

A completed version of the *Vermont Resource Guide* will include a number of state agency programs to further assist in identification of potential sources of funding or technical assistance to foster long-term community recovery in the aftermath of the 2011 flooding.