



## Assistance for Florida's Rural Communities: The Florida Resource Directory<sup>1</sup>

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Local communities, as well as organizations and businesses within those communities, often need information about the types of assistance programs available through state and federal government. In response to this need in Florida, the Governor's Office of Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development maintains the Florida Resource Directory.

According to the Florida Resource Directory's website:

The Florida Resource Directory is your one-stop source for learning about the latest state and many federal programs and resources to help your local community.

The Directory will help rural and distressed urban communities, as well as community-based organizations find and access sources of assistance.

If you are looking for ways to help your community and need assistance and contacts for any type of infrastructure project, or housing, or health services, or training, or

small business and tourism development assistance, or help building a community park, the possibility that you will find what you need here is excellent.

The Florida Resource Directory provides a searchable database of programs and agencies that serve Florida communities. Users may search by category of program (housing, economic development, tourism, financial assistance, etc.) and display all programs in a particular category. Alternatively, users may choose from a list of more than 200 specific programs. Users may also select an agency from the list of agencies included in the database for a description of community programs offered by that particular agency. Finally, the website allows users to search programs by entering keywords or selecting from a list of keywords.

For each item included in the Florida Resource Directory, a description of the program and contact information is provided (telephone, email, and web address). Taken together, the Directory provides a good starting point for obtaining information about community assistance programs. There is no charge

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or registration required for using the Directory.  
Further information may be obtained from the  
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