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<p>Skills of Success for Women Agency: Bethlehem Housing and Support Services</p>	<p>Municipality: St.Catharines Neighbourhood: Queenston, Old Western Hill, Merriton, Downtown</p>
<p>Project Description: The Skills of Success (SOS) for Women program is a pre-vocational program designed to build upon a woman's strength in order to increase personal and economic self-sufficiency. The program provides 10 three-hour workshops in the areas of Assertiveness, Healthy Relationships, Legal Issues, Communication, Goal Setting, Money Matters, Self Care, Crisis Management and Employment Opportunities. This 30 hour program is designed to raise awareness of community resources available.</p>	
<p>Fort Erie Community Engagement Project Agency: Boys and Girls Club of Niagara</p>	<p>Municipality: Fort Erie Neighbourhood: Crystal Beach</p>
<p>Project Description: The Boys and Girls Club will expand programming to engage more children living in Crystal Beach, as well as adults that are living in poverty. The club will identify parents, or other adults, specifically newcomers to Canada, looking for job opportunities in the child related field. The club will give them all the training necessary and hire them on as support staff working with club members during program to give them on-the-job training.</p>	
<p>Sprouting Roots Welland Agency: Climate Action Niagara</p>	<p>Municipality: Welland Neighbourhood: West Main</p>
<p>Project Description: Sprouting Roots Welland is a collaborative initiative between Climate Action Niagara, the Oak Centre, the Consumers Survivors Initiative and Niagara Regional Housing to enable residents and clients to upgrade their life skills while providing local access to healthy nutritious food, reducing their food budgets, providing food security and that of the organizations which it serves, through supporting an emerging community garden on Fitch Street beside Regional Housing with educational capacity.</p>	
<p>The Stokes/Goodwill Gardens Agency: Climate Action Niagara</p>	<p>Municipality: St. Catharines Neighbourhood: Queenston, Downtown</p>
<p>Project Description: The Stokes-Goodwill Gardens is a neighbourhood initiative supporting existing programming with workshops for the Goodwill Culinary students and inclusion of neighbourhood residents through an outdoor recreation area and active food garden. Participants are involved from planning to construction, to preservation of foods and herbs for local food security and higher culinary standards. The project provides the surrounding community with indoor and outdoor meeting and kitchen space.</p>	
<p>Volunteer Program - Community Legal Clinic Agency: Community Legal Services of Niagara South - CLSNS</p>	<p>Municipality: Welland Neighbourhood: Cordage, West Main</p>
<p>Project Description: CLSNS will have a volunteer program for low-income recipients in the Cordage and West Main neighbourhoods working as volunteers for a 6 month terms, 2 days/week in the legal clinic. The volunteers will receive training on the job in clerical and administrative skills which will make each volunteer employment ready. Volunteers will also receive an opportunity through their volunteer activity to increase their own legal literacy and the communities.</p>	

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<p>It's All About the Kids Agency: Community Living Port Colborne-Wainfleet</p>	<p>Municipality: Port Colborne Neighbourhood: Three Bridges</p>
<p>Project Description: Program will offer 3 sessions per school year, in three schools (public, catholic and french) in the Three Bridges areas. Each session will host 3 - 5 week programs totalling 15 weeks per session at each school. The program will focus on different themes (basketball, volleyball, art...) and will include a healthy cooking component. At the end of each program will be invited parents to witness what the kids have accomplished and what their children can successfully cook.</p>	
<p>Summer H.E.A.T. (Helping Everyone Achieve Together) Agency: District School Board of Niagara</p>	<p>Municipality: Port Colborne Neighbourhood: Three Bridges</p>
<p>Project Description: The Summer H.E.A.T. (Helping Everyone Achieve Together) program is a targeted strategy designed by the District School Board of Niagara to support students and families during the summer months. This 3 week program for students age 3-8 is committed to enhancing student achievement by providing highly engaging, science based activities, opportunities for meaningful parent engagement as well as a focus on healthy living.</p>	
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<p>2011 Program Enhancement Agency: Faith Tabernacle Community Outreach</p>	<p>Municipality: Welland Neighbourhood: Cordage, West Main</p>
<p>Project Description: This is an enhancement of a very successful program funded by the NRPI 2010. It involves classes at McLaughlin Community House cooperating with NRH and RAFT and Plymouth School. Music lessons will be increased (in the number of students served & additional electives) due to high demand. A ladies group, block party, and summer sports camp will be added. These programs are unfunded but have been very successful in the past. Two summer students will be necessary for program delivery.</p>	

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<p>2011 to 2013 Program Delivery Agency: Faith Tabernacle Community Outreach</p>	<p>Municipality: Welland Neighbourhood: Cordage</p>
<p>Project Description: Programs that were previously approved as part of NPI 2010 will be continued from the end of 2011 through 2013. This will include Kids Life Labs (music, sewing, cooking, craft classes, etc) at Plymouth and programming at McLaughlin Community House in cooperation with NRH and RAFT. The Girl Talk program will to mentor girls to nurture healthy self-image, etc. A school feeding program will provide meals at 4 schools in Welland. A Block Party and Summer Sports Camp will be conducted as well.</p>	
<p>McLaughlin Community Gardens Agency: Faith Tabernacle Community Outreach</p>	<p>Municipality: Welland Neighbourhood: Cordage</p>
<p>Project Description: This program will build upon past successes with a community garden at McLaughlin Community House in cooperation with NRH and RAFT. Gardening and landscaping skills are taught to local area residents in this low income neighbourhood. The landscaping skills could enhance employment opportunities. It will also provide food for area residents and will be incorporated into cooking classes. This unfunded program will be expanded to create home gardens at the residences of the participants.</p>	
<p>Good Food Mobile Market Agency: Gateway (Good Food Box)</p>	<p>Municipality: Niagara Falls Neighbourhood: Drummond/Victoria, Elgin</p>
<p>Project Description: The Good Food Box (GFB) will expand into Niagara Falls and Good Food Mobile Market (GFMM) will increase access to healthy food and increase food security. It will provide a choice of nutritious fresh fruits and vegetables to local residents at wholesale prices, on a bi-monthly basis.</p>	
<p>IMPACT Fort Erie Agency: John Howard Society of Niagara</p>	<p>Municipality: Fort Erie Neighbourhood: Fort Erie North</p>
<p>Project Description: The John Howard Society of Niagara, in partnership with the Niagara Regional Police Service(NRPS), intends to provide athletic tournaments during selected transition periods of the school year, at FESS. In partnership with the District School Board of Niagara, Brock University and many of our local retailers, we intend to run athletic tournaments and skills camps during Summer break, and March Break. The initiative will be proctored through NRPS volunteers, and Brock athletic volunteers.</p>	
<p>IMPACT Niagara Falls Agency: John Howard Society of Niagara</p>	<p>Municipality: Niagara Falls Neighbourhood: Drummond/Victoria</p>
<p>Project Description: The John Howard Society of Niagara, in partnership with the Niagara Regional Police Service(NRPS), intends to provide athletic tournaments during selected transition periods of the school year, at Stamford. In partnership with the District School Board of Niagara, Brock University and many of our local retailers, we intend to run athletic tournaments and skills camps during Summer break, and March Break. The initiative will be proctored through NRPS volunteers, and Brock athletic volunteers.</p>	

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<p>IMPACT St. Catharines Agency: John Howard Society of Niagara</p>	<p>Municipality: St. Catharines Neighbourhood: , Old Western Hill</p>
<p>Project Description: The John Howard Society of Niagara, in partnership with the Niagara Regional Police Service(NRPS), intends to provide athletic tournaments during selected transition periods of the school year, at West Park. In partnership with the District School Board of Niagara, Brock University and many of our local retailers, we intend to run athletic tournaments and skills camps during Summer break, and March Break. The initiative will be proctored through NRPS volunteers, and Brock athletic volunteers.</p>	
<p>Reading Rocks Junior Agency: Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region</p>	<p>Municipality: Niagara Falls Neighbourhood: Drummond/Victoria</p>
<p>Project Description: The proposed project is Reading Rocks Jr – a literacy program for children aged 4-6, who are at-risk for reading disabilities. The project is to be situated within the Victoria neighbourhood. The project brings together three community partners (LDANR, Brock U, and both Niagara School Boards) to provide vulnerable children with high-quality literacy programming at no cost. Reading Rocks Jr is a program that combines empirically supported literacy instruction with motivation and self-efficacy.</p>	
<p>Neighbourhood Access Initiative - Tutoring & After-School Agency: Niagara Catholic District School Board</p>	<p>Municipality: Niagara Falls Neighbourhood: Elgin</p>
<p>Project Description: Led by Brock University student volunteers from varying faculties, students (beginning in Grade 6), will be mentored, tutored in literacy/ numeracy skills, and engage in hands-on activities that identify and connect their interests with future careers and post secondary education (PSE) pathways. In order to foster motivation, planning and preparation for PSE, students will have the opportunity to attend day programs on Brock University Campus. These supports will exist through secondary and PSE.</p>	
<p>Injured Worker Speakers School Agency: Niagara North Community Legal Assistance</p>	<p>Municipality: St. Catharines Neighbourhood: Queenston</p>
<p>Project Description: Through an intensive 15 week program the Injured Workers Speaker School will develop leaders who will use their own stories and the knowledge they learn through the program to lobby and fight for change. We anticipate students to include injured workers and surviving family members. A graduation speech will be presented at a public meeting. There will be a follow-up of four meetings after the course and an expectation that one student will be hired to help with the next session as a trainee.</p>	
<p>Food Service Associate Agency: Port Cares</p>	<p>Municipality: Port Colborne Neighbourhood: Three Bridges, Stonebridge</p>
<p>Project Description: Port Cares will offer a 12 week essential skills based pre-employment Food Service Associate Program. Groups of 12 participants will train 6 times over two years at the Community Food Centre. The focus will be on food safety & sanitation, food preparation (including set up, serving, clean up), financial literacy, interpersonal communication skills, computer literacy, healthy living skill building, and customer service. Work experience and industry related certifications are provided.</p>	

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<p>Garden Workshops Agency: Project S.H.A.R.E. of Niagara Falls Inc.</p>	<p>Municipality: Niagara Falls Neighbourhood: Drummond/Victoria</p>
<p>Project Description: In 2010 a consultant helped people living in "at risk" neighbourhoods on a low income establish backyard gardens. We will build on existing synergies and break down barriers like transportation by offering on site programming. Three strong neighbourhood "leaders" with existing plots will host teaching gardens, as well as 3 partner sites -Glengate Church and 2 NRH. Neighbours will attend workshops, leisure activities and volunteer at these sites, encouraging them to start gardens of their own.</p>	
<p>Cooperative Build Agency: Strategy to End Poverty (STEP) - Niagara</p>	<p>Municipality: Welland Neighbourhood: Cordage</p>
<p>Project Description: The Cordage neighbourhood is one of Welland's distressed neighbourhoods, this project will provide a revisioning and enhancement of that neighbourhood through the creation of a model community of 40-50 dwellings put together by a coalition of community partners and with the participation of the City of Welland both as a grantee of the lands and an enthusiastic participant. This funding application is to hire a coordinator who will discern the full range of contribution of each of the partners.</p>	
<p>Fort Erie North CAFÉ (Creating a Foundation for Excellence) Agency: The Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie</p>	<p>Municipality: Fort Erie Neighbourhood: Fort Erie North</p>
<p>Project Description: This project is a partnership between like-minded agencies and is designed to increase the capacity of the Fort Erie North Neighbourhood by developing a community hub. This hub will service the specific needs of the people in the neighbourhood through program delivery in locations that are easily accessible given the limited access to transportation. This project includes training for service providers, literacy tutoring, stress workshops, legal clinics, and healthy eating workshops.</p>	
<p>Neighbourhood Awakening-A Community Development Initiative Agency: The RAFT</p>	<p>Municipality: Welland Neighbourhood: Cordage, West Main</p>
<p>Project Description: Through a community developer, build community capacity within Welland through initiatives that strengthen neighbourhood relationships, improve prosperity and create a venue for a unified neighbourhood voice. The initiative aims to create synergy between the financial and economic goals of the city with the reality of the neighbourhood, through active engagement with community members, local business and at risk youth. The initiative will create positive change and encourage economic success.</p>	
<p>Neighbourhood Awakening-A Community Development Initiative Agency: The RAFT</p>	<p>Municipality: St. Catharines Neighbourhood: Old Western Hill, Downtown</p>
<p>Project Description: Using a trained community developer, the project will build community capacity in two stressed neighbourhoods in St. Catharines. The initiative will strengthen neighbourhood relationships, improve prosperity and create a venue for a unified neighbourhood voice. It will create synergy between the City's official economic development plan, the neighbourhood's business owners and community members, targeting under employed at risk youth.</p>	

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<p>Rykert Youth Programs Agency: United Way of St. Catharines & District</p>	<p>Municipality: St. Catharines Neighbourhood: Old Western Hill</p>
<p>Project Description: Rykert Youth Programs (RYP) will bring free educational, recreational, and leisure opportunities to the heart of the neighbourhood through a preteen program, serving children ages 10 to 12, and a teen program, serving youth ages 13 to 18. Through a multitude of programs - from homework help and physical activity, to nutritious snacks and community projects - youth will develop life skills, as social cohesion amongst neighbours increases, while mitigating the negative effects of low-income.</p>	
<p>Community Y House Agency: YMCA of Niagara</p>	<p>Municipality: Niagara Falls Neighbourhood: Drummond/Victoria</p>
<p>Project Description: The Community Y House will provide recreational programming for youth 6-12 years of age. The program will be held in the Niagara Regional Housing - Warden and Waters Family Community. Youth will be able to participate in a free recreational program that focuses on physical activity, healthy lifestyles and youth engagement. Youth will be able to participate in a program right in their neighbourhood, and in the housing complex where some of them live.</p>	
<p>Neighbourhood Access Initiative - Tutoring & After-school Agency: Youth University</p>	<p>Municipality: Fort Erie Neighbourhood: Fort Erie North</p>
<p>Project Description: Led by Brock University student volunteers from varying faculties, students (beginning in Grade 6), will be mentored, tutored in literacy and numeracy skills, and engage in hands-on activities that identify and connect their interests with future careers and post secondary education (PSE) pathways. To foster motivation, planning and preparation for PSE, students will have the opportunity to attend day programs on Brock University Campus. These supports will exist through secondary and PSE.</p>	
<p>Women's Leadership Project Agency: YWCA Niagara Region</p>	<p>Municipality: Niagara Falls Neighbourhood: Drummond/Victoria</p>
<p>Project Description: This project will train women through a program called Step Up to Leadership. It will run as a 12 week program of leadership skills that can be translated to a variety of settings including boards, committees and other community activities. Beyond the training program there will be support in find placements as well as the formations of a support group that will help with problem solving and debriefing their experiences. Successful participants would act as mentors for the next group.</p>	
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