

November 2012 Niagara Prosperity Initiative

Fort Erie

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Bridges Community Health Centre	The Road to Empowerment- Building Self Advocacy & Cause Advocacy Skills	The project aim is to offer intra- & inter-personal skill development for individuals living in poverty to become self-advocates & cause advocates. Self-advocacy skills focus on assertiveness, communication & decision making about programs/support services needed to mitigate the effects of poverty and to help people transition out of poverty. Through this process of empowerment leaders will emerge and will be nurtured & guided to take collective action & advocacy on poverty issues.	Crystal Beach; Fort Erie North
District School Board of Niagara	Summer H.E.A.T. (Helping Everyone Achieve Together) Social Skills	The Summer H.E.A.T. (Helping Everyone Achieve Together) is a targeted strategy designed by the District School Board of Niagara to support students and families during the summer. This 3 week program for students age 3-9 is committed to enhancing student achievement by providing highly engaging, literacy and science based activities. It also provides opportunities for meaningful parent engagement, a focus on healthy living, and participation in explicit learning of targeted social skills. Located at Crystal Beach Public School.	Crystal Beach

Niagara Falls

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Project S.H.A.R.E of Niagara Falls Inc.	Growing Kids	A consultant will work with schools, children, youth and their families and garden businesses, to grow and prepare fresh produce in interactive, hands-on programs at 5 elementary schools in 2 target neighbourhoods. A series of 4 workshops will be implemented at each school and parents will also be invited to garden and food prep workshops. All participants, (parents, school communities, volunteers, supporters), will be invited to a community gathering at Glengate Garden's outdoor pizza oven	Drummond/ Victoria; Elgin
Women's Place of South Niagara Inc.	Domestic Violence Community Development & Engagement Project	This community development & outreach project will deliver Domestic Violence (DV) community-based public education and a school-based dating & DV intervention/prevention program to Youth in Grades 7-12. A Counselor will be at the presentations to assist women and youth who identify them, or someone they know are a victim of abuse; individualized follow-up counseling and support will also be made available. We will become members of Volunteer Canada and implement their Volunteer Code.	Drummond/ Victoria; Elgin

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Port Colborne

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St. Catharines

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Community Care St. Catharines & Thorold	Niagara for Access and Identification	To fund ID clinics by covering ID replacement costs and marketing tools to advertise this service to agencies and the clients in the 4 neighbourhoods in St. Catharines. ID is critical to obtaining employment, bank accounts, access to health care, social income supports, housing and other community services. Clients with low literacy, mental health challenges, and poor or homeless need assistance to obtain ID, pay for and properly store it. This project builds on an Ontario Trillium funded project.	Queenston; Merriton; Old Western Hill; Downtown

Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre	Getting Connected - Volunteerism is KEY	This project is designed to increase the number of volunteer opportunities within the downtown core of St. Catharines specifically for the newcomer population. A staff person will be dedicated to working with the community to create and/or enhance current volunteer opportunities (working with Information Niagara) to become more inclusive to better engage the newcomer population who require Canadian experience in order to become a settled and engaged individual.	Downtown
Start Me Up Niagara	Beyond Food Plus	SMUN has a Red Seal Chef & a farmer with cooperative experience on staff so its Healthy Kitchen & Green Garden programs are thriving, exceeding all expectations. They've set the base for the development of cooperative social economic enterprises that will provide share income to volunteers AND assist SMUN to sustain kitchen & garden programming. Expertise is needed to move forward. This project will develop and implement a plan to make this happen.	Queenston; Downtown
Quest Community Health Centre	The Road to Empowerment- Building Self Advocacy & Cause Advocacy Skills	The project aim is to offer intra- & inter-personal skill development for individuals living in poverty to become self-advocates & cause advocates. Self-advocacy skills focus on assertiveness, communication & decision making about programs/support services needed to mitigate the effects of poverty and to help people transition out of poverty. Through this process of empowerment leaders will emerge and will be nurtured & guided to take collective action & advocacy on poverty issues.	Queenston; Old Western Hill; Downtown
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Thorold

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Boys and Girls Club of Niagara	Thorold Enhancement Project	The Boys and Girls Club will work together with the Thorold Community Activities Group to build community capacity and mitigate the effects of poverty. Together the organizations will foster youth and community resilience in Thorold Proper and Thorold South through offering structured healthy development programming for children and youth supported by meals and bussing in both locations and engaging economically marginalized adults, through employment, skill development, and volunteerism.	Thorold Proper; Thorold South/ Allanburg/ Port Robinson East

United Way of St. Catharines & District	Niagara Explorer's Club	Niagara Explorers' Club (NEC) will provide children and youth living in a stressed neighbourhood the opportunity to share the common experiences of their more affluent counterparts. Through various field trips, participants will gain new life experiences, develop a broader awareness and appreciation of the many attractions and events in Niagara, and create special memories through expeditions often unattainable by socio-economically disadvantaged families.	Thorold Proper
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Welland

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DSBN Academy	DSBN Academy Encore Programs	To develop and facilitate school-based programs, in partnership with community-based organizations, that address first-generation post-secondary youth and adults in the areas of community and global citizenship, leadership, social justice, esteem, health & wellness, nutrition and recreational needs.	Cordage
Faith Welland Outreach	Life Labs Program Delivery Personnel	The focus of this project is to continue coordinating the very successful FWO programs currently funded by NPI while pursuing sustainable funding. The program director will continue working with Cordage Green for long-term sustainability; preparing other grant applications for short-term funding; and researching other alternatives for long-term funding from other government sources, foundations, and corporations.	Cordage
Welland Heritage Council & Multicultural Centre	Do It Yourself! Self-Care - Community Workshop Series Extension	The focus of this project is to continue coordinating the very successful FWO programs currently funded by NPI while pursuing sustainable funding. The program director will continue working with Cordage Green for long-term sustainability; preparing other grant applications for short-term funding; and researching other alternatives for long-term funding from other government sources, foundations, and corporations.	West Main
Niagara Peninsula Homes	Social Enterprise Hub for the Niagara Region	Capital costs to rehabilitate a vacant and derelict property and develop it as a community and training centre for business incubation and vocational training, benefitting neighborhood and community. The building is currently warehouse. No demolition required except the roof. Works include: replace and bring to code the following: rebuild the roof structure; mechanical electrical and heating; plumbing; carpentry; flooring; painting; eaves trough; ventilation; install air conditioning.	Cordage
The RAFT	Project Reclaim	Project Reclaim is a social enterprise initiative that combines employment training, biomass production and community development to improve the lives of at risk youth and stressed neighbourhoods. Project Reclaim is an innovative community focused green project that will improve public perceptions, raise property values, increase community involvement and employment skills among at risk youth. It is comprised of two components: green energy work experience and community remediation.	Cordage; West Main