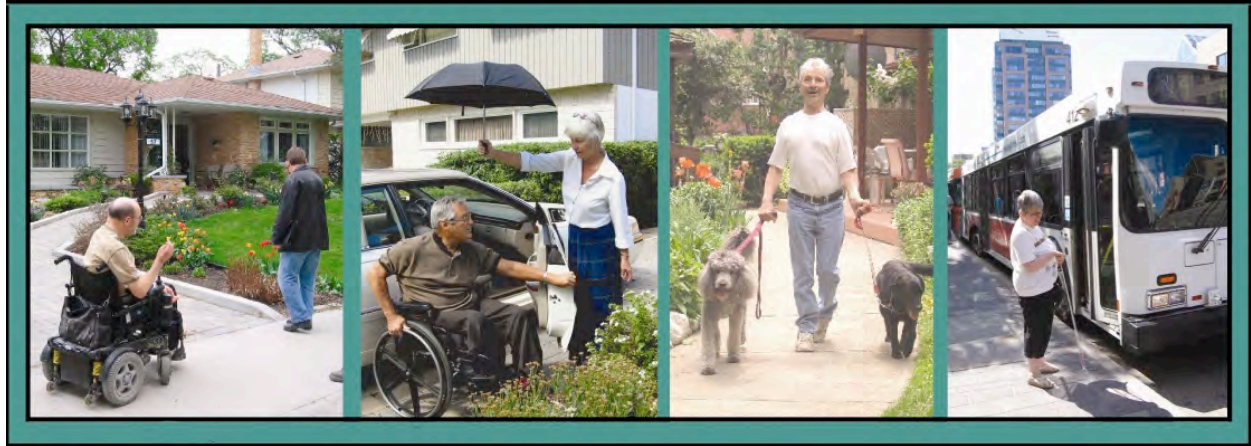


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## **PART I: INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this resource guide is to outline various community planning documents that will support pilot communities move towards Livable and Inclusive Communities for Seniors with Disabilities. This document originates from the environmental scan conducted throughout the project and provides resource material that range from grassroots community mobilization and partnership building, to information on various elements; to funding sources that are available to pilot communities to move forward based on their evaluation findings and identified priority areas. Community members, service providers and policy makers can utilize the information in this guide. The resources were chosen based on having Canadian content (where possible), flexibility in community application and by their ability to promote community action. Many of these resources do not specifically have seniors or people with disabilities as a target audience but they are useful when applying a seniors with disabilities 'lens'.

## **PART II: COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION and PLANNING**

This section is intended to provide a starting point for pilot communities to begin looking at ways to mobilize community members and planning for the future based on the priority areas identified in their community evaluation.

### **i) Citizen's Handbook: A Guide to Building Community**

**Description:** This resource provides a do-it-yourself guide to grassroots organizing. It focuses on bringing together people who share a common place such as an apartment building, city block, or neighbourhood. The information covers community organizing, community building activities, new ways of governing, case studies, examples, grassroots problem solving, and various links and resources.

**Source:** Dobson, C. (N.D) *The Citizen's Handbook: A Guide to Building Community* Vancouver Citizens Committee, Vancouver Community Network. Retrieved October 2009 [www.vcn.bc.ca/citizens-handbook](http://www.vcn.bc.ca/citizens-handbook)

### **ii) Community Development Handbook: A Tool to Build Community Capacity**

**Description:** The Handbook is an introductory guide to community development and capacity building. It is designed primarily for those who have an interest in community development but who may not have an in-depth understanding of the concept, the process or the resources available across Canada. The handbook provides a resource for exploring and initiating community development and reviewing the basics of the community development process. There is also a companion document called 'The Community Development Facilitator's Guide: A tool to support the community development handbook.'

**Source:** Smith, A., Frank, F. (1999). *The Community Development Handbook: A Tool to Build Community Capacity*. Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada, Human Resources Development Canada Hull: Quebec Retrieved March 2009, <http://dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/Collection/MP33-13-1999E.pdf>

**iii) Communities and Local Government: Working Together: A Resource Manual “Forging Partnerships for Healthy Communities”**

**Description:** This resource manual seeks to create a climate of mutual respect and understanding between community groups and local governments. This manual was developed with two main purposes in mind: To help community members understand the role and functions of local government, in simple, easy-to-read language; and To provide some tips and examples that could help local government (both staff and elected officials) and community members work together effectively.

**Source:** Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition. Communities and Local Government: Working Together: A Resource Manual “Forging Partnerships for Healthy Communities” Retrieved, March 2009 [www.ohcc-ccso.ca/en/webfm\\_send/185](http://www.ohcc-ccso.ca/en/webfm_send/185)

**iv) Community Planning Handbook: How People can Shape their Cities, Towns and Villages in any Part of the World**

**Description:** The Community Planning Handbook is the essential starting point for all those involved - planners and local authorities, architects and other practitioners, community workers, students and local residents. It features an accessible how-to-do-it style, best practice information on effective methods, and international scope and relevance. Tips, checklists and sample documents help readers to get started quickly, learn from others' experience and to select the approach best suited to their situation. The glossary, bibliography and contact details provide quick access to further information and support.

**Source:** Wates, Nick (2000). The Community Planning Handbook: How people can shape their cities, towns and villages in any part of the world. The Urban Design Group; The Prince's Foundation; South Bank University, London. Earthscan Publications.

**v) Great Neighbourhood Book: A Do-it-Yourself Guide to Placemaking**

**Description:** The Great Neighborhood Book explains how any community can be improved and enlivened, not by vast infusions of cash, not by government, but by the people who live there. Through real-life stories, this book addresses such challenges as traffic control, crime, comfort and safety, and developing economic vitality.

**Source:** Jay Walljasper (2007). The Great Neighbourhood Book: A Do-it-Yourself Guide to Placemaking. New Society Publishers: British Columbia

**vi) Handbook on Citizen Engagement: Beyond Consultation**

**Description:** This handbook is a starting point and a reference guide for those who wish to deepen their understanding and practice of citizen engagement. A number of audiences may find this handbook useful, including those working in community development, the public sector, the non-profit sector, the private sector and academia. The long-term vision is to contribute to the closing of the gap between governments and citizens, to allow public servants and politicians to reconnect with citizens' needs, priorities and values.

**Source:** Sheedy, A. (2008). Handbook on Citizen Engagement: Beyond Consultation. Canadian Policy Research Network. Retrieved August 2008 [www.cprn.org/documents/49583\\_EN.pdf](http://www.cprn.org/documents/49583_EN.pdf)

**vii) Inclusive Community Organizations: A Tool Kit**

**Description:** The Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition has developed a Tool Kit to assist community organizations in becoming more equitable, diverse and inclusive than they are at present. The purpose of our Tool Kit is to support diversity and improve inclusion within small to mid-sized, volunteer-based, not-for-profit organizations. The suggestions offered will enable community organizations to develop and adapt initiatives that are appropriate to their individual circumstances.

**Source:** Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition (October 2004) [www.ohcc-ccso.ca/en/inclusive-community-organizations-a-tool-kit](http://www.ohcc-ccso.ca/en/inclusive-community-organizations-a-tool-kit)

**viii) Measuring Up: Communities of Inclusion, Workbook, Tools and References**

**Description:** Measuring Up assesses four elements of accessibility and inclusion at the community level:

- a) Disability support services - transportation, housing, emergency preparedness, personal supports, and fully accessible environments.
- b) Access to information - universal signage, plain language, multiple formats (large print, Braille, sign language).
- c) Economic participation - business and skills development, jobs and labour supply, disability market and consumer spending, niche markets such as accessible tourism.
- d) Community contribution - bringing new energy and talent to social, recreational, sports and cultural life of communities.

**Source:** City of Vancouver. (2006). *Measuring up: Communities of Inclusion, Workbook, Tools and References*. 2010 Legacies Now and Vancouver Agreement. Vancouver, BC: City of Vancouver. Retrieved September 2007, [www.2010legaciesnow.com/measuring\\_up/](http://www.2010legaciesnow.com/measuring_up/)

**ix) Partnership Handbook**

**Description:** Although the main emphasis of this handbook is on community-based partnerships, the information and processes are applicable to most partnership efforts. The Handbook goes over 6 main sections including: What is a Partnership?; Preparing for a Partnership; The Partnership Process; Knowledge, Attitudes and Skills; Troubleshooting; and Types of Partnerships.

**Source:** Government of Canada  
[www1.servicecanada.gc.ca/en/epb/sid/cia/partnership/partnerhb%5fe.pdf](http://www1.servicecanada.gc.ca/en/epb/sid/cia/partnership/partnerhb%5fe.pdf)

**x) Planning for Barrier-Free Municipalities: A Handbook & Self Assessment Tool**

**Description:** Planning for barrier-free municipalities raises awareness among municipalities, planning boards and the development industry on how to eliminate barriers for people with disabilities in their planning and development decisions, especially decisions involving public facilities and outdoor public spaces. This handbook provides suggestions for municipalities to develop barrier-free policies and options that will suit their local circumstances and resources.



**Source:** Government of Ontario (2005). Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Queen's Printer for Ontario. [www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page1290.aspx#self](http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page1290.aspx#self)

**xi) Respect All Voices: Neighbourhood Councils as a Tool for Building Social Inclusion**

**Description:** This paper provides an overview of some matters for consideration which can be used not only in developing neighbourhood councils, but also may be useful in ensuring that good process is followed in other more traditional forms of community engagement, such as advisory committees and public consultations.

**Source:** Maxwell, G. (2007). *Respect All Voices: Neighbourhood Councils as a Tool for Building Social Inclusion: A Policy and Practice Paper*. Community Development Halton and Inclusive Cities Canada. [www.cdhalton.ca/pdf/icc/ICC-burlington-report.pdf](http://www.cdhalton.ca/pdf/icc/ICC-burlington-report.pdf)

**xii) Smart Growth BC Toolbox**

**Description:** Smart growth is defined as land use and development practices that enhance the quality of life in communities, preserve the natural environment, and save money over time. There are many complex and technical issues involved in building smarter communities. The Tool Kit provides an overview of key sustainability issues including an introduction to smart growth, smart growth tools, citizen involvement strategies and references on additional information sources for those who want to know more.

**Source:** Smart Growth Canada Network: [www.smartgrowth.ca/home\\_e.html](http://www.smartgrowth.ca/home_e.html)

**xiii) Superbia! 31 Ways to Create Sustainable Neighborhoods**

**Description:** Superbia! is a book of practical ideas for creating more socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable neighborhoods. It is about remaking suburban and urban neighborhoods to serve people better and to reduce human impact on the environment.

**Source:** Chiras, D., Wann, D. (2003). *Superbia! 31 Ways to Create Sustainable Neighborhoods*. New Society Press: British Columbia.

**xiv) Sustainable Community Planning and Development: Design Charrette Planning Guide**

**Description:** A sustainable community design charrette focuses on specific issues and details of a given site in relation to the surrounding community and ecosystem, using the broad concept and goals of sustainability to focus and guide directions. This Guide describes the four phases of planning a successful charrette.

**Source:** Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (2002) Crofton, F. (2001). *Sustainable Community Planning and Development: Design Charrette and Planning Guide*. Final Report. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation June 2002 Research Highlight: Socio-economic Series 103 [www.cmhc.ca](http://www.cmhc.ca)

## **PART III: LIVABLE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

This section provides information on a range of options and resources related to community elements identified in the Livable and Inclusive Community Model.

### **A. HOUSING**

#### **i) Adaptable Housing**

**Description:** Saanich's Adaptable Housing is based on the principle of "visitability". This means that people's homes should be accessible to everyone, not just able-bodied people. It eases problems associated with isolation, and allows people with physical limitations to visit friends and neighbours, and stay in communities where they have developed social ties.

**Source:** Government of Saanich

[www.gov.saanich.bc.ca/business/development/plan/adaptable.html](http://www.gov.saanich.bc.ca/business/development/plan/adaptable.html)

#### **ii) Affordable Housing Design Advisor**

**Description:** The Affordable Housing Design Advisor is a web-based tool with the purpose to provide community development agencies with straightforward, easy-to-use guidance on how to achieve cost-effective design excellence in their affordable housing developments. It provides information on case studies in successful affordable housing developments, on what good design is, why it is valuable and how community organizations can achieve design excellence. It has been developed to help anyone involved in the production of affordable housing achieve higher design quality.

**Source:** Office of Policy Development and Research of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development [www.designadvisor.org/](http://www.designadvisor.org/)

#### **iii) Assist Guidebook to the Accessible Home**

**Description:** This book addresses accessibility in the home environment and provides planning and construction guidance for modifying existing homes and also how to include a range of accessibility features into new homes. The goal is to provide practical information for the do-it yourself designer as well as for contractors, builders, and architects.

**Source:** Assist Inc. (2005). *The Assist Guidebook to the Accessible Home*. Salt Lake City: Utah. Retrieved July 2008 [www.assistutah.org/docs/guidebook\\_v6.pdf](http://www.assistutah.org/docs/guidebook_v6.pdf)  
[www.assistutah.org/access-visitability/visitability.htm](http://www.assistutah.org/access-visitability/visitability.htm)

#### **iv) Cohousing**

**Description:** The term cohousing describes the process by which a group of people work together to create and maintain their own neighbourhood. By participating in the planning and design of their housing development, residents form the bonds which are the basis of ongoing community. Cohousing emphasizes a supportive, inter-generational community, common facilities and participation by all members using a consensus process to make decisions. Cohousing residents usually own their individual homes, which are clustered around a "common house" with shared amenities. Cohousing provides personal privacy combined with the benefits of living in a community where

people know and interact with their neighbours. Cohousing neighbourhoods tend to offer environmentally sensitive design with a pedestrian orientation. The website provides information, resources and examples of existing co-housing communities in Canada.

**Source:** Canadian Cohousing Network [www.cohousing.ca/](http://www.cohousing.ca/)

**v) Creating Market and Non-market Affordable Housing: A Smart Growth Toolkit for BC Municipalities**

**Description:** This publication provides detailed explanations of eight tools and strategies, from inclusionary zoning to land banking, and highlights examples of best practices across BC demonstrating how local governments are adapting affordable housing strategies to fit their unique needs. It addresses the gap between 100% market-rate housing and 100% social housing.

**Source:** Smart Growth BC

[www.smartgrowth.bc.ca/Portals/0/Downloads/SGBC\\_Affordable\\_Housing\\_Toolkit.pdf](http://www.smartgrowth.bc.ca/Portals/0/Downloads/SGBC_Affordable_Housing_Toolkit.pdf)

**vi) Design for Inclusion Toolkit**

**Description:** Designing for Inclusion is a concept that embraces universal access for all people, regardless of age, height, skill, or physical ability. The Toolkit includes basic Accessible Design, Adaptable Designs, and Flexhousing Design principles. The Toolkit was developed as a resource for architects, developers, designers, and builders to use as part of their design palette.

**Source:** Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and City of Vancouver. (2008). Design for Inclusion Toolkit: Research Report. City of Vancouver, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Government of Canada. Retrieved August 2008

[ftp://ftp.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/chic-ccd/Research\\_Reports-](ftp://ftp.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/chic-ccd/Research_Reports-)

[Rapports\\_de\\_recherche/eng\\_unilingual/Design\\_for\\_%20Inclusion\\_Toolkit.%20pdf.pdf](Rapports_de_recherche/eng_unilingual/Design_for_%20Inclusion_Toolkit.%20pdf.pdf)

**vii) Increasing Home Access: Designing for Visitability Report**

**Description:** Visitability initiatives that support aging independently in one's home and community are the subject of this AARP Public Policy Institute Research Report. Authors discuss the barriers to visitability implementation and opportunities for further acceptance of these design parameters in the construction of new homes.

**Source:** Maisel, J., Smith, E., Steinfeld, E. (2008). Increasing Home Access: Designing for Visitability. American Association of Retired Persons Public Policy Institute:

Washington, DC [http://assets.aarp.org/rgcenter/il/2008\\_14\\_access.pdf](http://assets.aarp.org/rgcenter/il/2008_14_access.pdf)

**viii) Seniors Housing Development Forecast Tool: A Guide for Thinking About Developing Seniors Housing**

**Description:** The primary purpose of the tool is to act as a guide for asking some important and valuable questions in order to expand the current discussion of seniors housing. The Seniors Housing Development Forecast Tool (SHDFT) operates as a pre-development formula template for assisting planners, developers and governments to establish a variety of safe, flexible, and affordable housing options for seniors. By analyzing a number of data sources, the tool attempts to effectively target the needs of seniors who are actively seeking housing.

**Source:** Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia, For The Seniors Housing Information Program (SHIP) Researched by Dianna Hurford 2002  
<http://seniorshousing.bc.ca/Library/SeniorsHousingDevelopmentForecastTool.pdf>

**ix) Smart and Sustainable Housing**

**Description:** Sustainable housing is about designing and building homes that are comfortable and practical to live in and taking a balanced approach takes into account the social, economic and environmental aspects of housing development, and ensures that all the key issues are considered together at the design stage. A checklist is provided for the purpose of ensuring the home will be more likely to meet the changing needs of the occupants, as well as make it a more liveable, safe, secure, cost-efficient and environmentally friendly dwelling in which to live.

**Source:** Queensland Government, Australia. Design Objectives Checklist-  
[www.build.qld.gov.au/smart\\_housing/pdf/design\\_objectives\\_checklist\\_08.pdf](http://www.build.qld.gov.au/smart_housing/pdf/design_objectives_checklist_08.pdf)

**x) Understanding the Status of Visitable Housing in Canada**

**Description:** The study researched the visitability movement in Canada, pinpointing its progress, diffusion, barriers and facilitators to being adopted by the housing industry. Best practices are examined in Canada, the USA and internationally. The study found that there is a need for further research on visitable housing in Canada, including dissemination of regular updates and data on new initiatives.

**Source:** Canadian Centre on Disability Studies (2007). Understanding the Status of Visitable Housing in Canada. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation  
<https://www03.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/b2c/b2c/init.do?language=en&shop=Z01EN&areaID=0000000143&productID=00000001430000000024>

**xi) Visitable Housing: Community Building Through Visitable and Adaptable Housing**

**Description:** The report includes draft policy recommendations; design guidelines, technical information educational materials and implementation strategies presented that are tailored to suit the Manitoba marketplace. The report looks at different layers of accessible features from visitable, enhanced visitable, adaptable, accessible and universally designed housing.

**Source:** (2006). Visitable Housing: Community Building Through Visitable and Adaptable Housing. Hilderman Thomas Frank Cram Landscape Architects and Planners for Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation.

## **B. TRANSPORTATION**

### **i) AMELIA- A Methodology for Enhancing Life by Increasing Accessibility**

**Description:** AMELIA (A Methodology for Enhancing Life by Increasing Accessibility) is a software tool that will enable planners to test that their policies do increase social inclusion. It is partially based on existing accessibility models, and includes availability of modes of travel (car, bicycle, walk, and public transport), trip purpose, socio-economic differentiation, travel time and travel cost.

**Source:** Accessibility and User Needs in Transport for Sustainable Urban Environments (2007). Retrieved August 2008 [www.aunt-sue.info/WP%20Reports%20and%20summary%20docs/Final%20Web%20Versions/PDF%20Versions/Flyer\\_Amelia.pdf](http://www.aunt-sue.info/WP%20Reports%20and%20summary%20docs/Final%20Web%20Versions/PDF%20Versions/Flyer_Amelia.pdf)

### **ii) Car Sharing**

**Description:** The website describes what car sharing is, why it is great for urban centres, examples of car shares that exist in North America and other resources. Car Sharing is thought to be the "missing link" in current urban transportation systems. It works to reduce car ownership (and costs associated to owning your own vehicle), reduce traffic congestion, and improve air quality. It is an important new tool that can deliver real benefits quickly from primarily market-based capital.

**Source:** [www.carsharing.net/](http://www.carsharing.net/)

### **iii) Seniors Benefit from Coordinated Transportation: A Toolbox (American)**

**Description:** The Toolbox is a resource intended to guide and inspire transportation services for seniors. Its products provide information from a study conducted in 14 communities across the USA examining replicable coordination strategies for providing transportation choices to older adults to help them remain independent and mobile.

**Source:** National Centre on Senior Transportation. (2007). Seniors Benefit from Coordinated Transportation: A Toolbox. Washington, D.C. National Centre on Senior Transportation. [https://secure2.convio.net/es/site/Ecommerce?VIEW\\_PRODUCT=true&product\\_id=2801&store\\_id=6563](https://secure2.convio.net/es/site/Ecommerce?VIEW_PRODUCT=true&product_id=2801&store_id=6563)

### **iv) Street Design Index**

**Description:** The aim was to develop a tool that can be easily deployed in any urban area providing an instant overview of where psychological barriers linked to the urban environment are limiting mobility and access. Drawing on good practice and techniques developed from various sources including: accessibility, 'living street', design against crime, design quality audits, street design index, and perceptual factors including fear of crime and natural surveillance.

**Source:** Accessibility and User Needs in Transport for Sustainable Urban Environments: Street Design Index. (N.D) Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council. Retrieved August 2008 [www.aunt-sue.info/WP%20Reports%20and%20summary%20docs/Final%20Web%20Versions/PDF%20Versions/Flyer\\_Street%20Design\\_040208.pdf](http://www.aunt-sue.info/WP%20Reports%20and%20summary%20docs/Final%20Web%20Versions/PDF%20Versions/Flyer_Street%20Design_040208.pdf)

**v) Streets for People: Traffic Calming Toolbox**

**Description:** Traffic calming is a system that designs streets as shared space - shared between people walking, bicycling and driving. It was developed by people just like you, neighborhood residents who wanted to reclaim their streets from growing traffic and protect their communities by providing different approaches for community action.

**Source:** Transportation Alternatives: New York Advocates for Walking, Bicycling and Sensible Transportation

[www.transalt.org/files/resources/streets4people/streets4people.pdf](http://www.transalt.org/files/resources/streets4people/streets4people.pdf)

**C. OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT**

**i) Accessible Parks and Trails Assessment Toolkit**

**Description:** The toolkit offers an easy-to-follow process for assessing the accessibility of parks and trails. The purpose of this Guide is to help parks organizations to make better strategic decisions about managing and upgrading accessibility in their parks.

**Source:** 2010 Legacies Now and S Golden and Associates (2008). Accessible Parks and Trails Assessment Toolkit. Retrieved November 18, 2008 from [www.2010legaciesnow.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Accessible\\_Tourism/Accessibile\\_Parks\\_Final\\_Toolkit.pdf](http://www.2010legaciesnow.com/fileadmin/user_upload/Accessible_Tourism/Accessibile_Parks_Final_Toolkit.pdf)

**D. EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS**

**i) Healthy Farmers, Healthy Communities Resource Kit**

**Description:** The resource kit: offers information on good practices, services and resources that can help farmers continue to work and live a healthy life; helps service providers and planners to better understand the needs of farm families and better coordinate services to them; and to build awareness among other community members of their role in making farm life safe and healthy.

**Source:** Canadian Centre on Disability Studies (2007). Healthy Farmers, Healthy Communities: Resource Kit: Facing Challenges of Injury, Illness, Disability and Aging [www.fwdmanitoba.com/Healthy\\_Farmers\\_Kit.pdf](http://www.fwdmanitoba.com/Healthy_Farmers_Kit.pdf)

## **PART IV: FUNDING SOURCES**

This list of funding sources provides a starting point for pilot communities to seek out funding for their action items on Livable and Inclusive Communities on the federal and provincial levels. Provincial funding and grant programs were limited to the three pilot provinces of British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario and identify the primary element areas each funding source highlights. Some programs are joint federal/ provincial initiatives or operate within federal/provincial/municipal agreements. These joint arrangements are noted in the program descriptions. For each funding source, the following information is provided: program name, program provider, related elements, a description of available funding and information source.

### **A. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

#### **i) Building Canada Fund**

Infrastructure Canada

**Elements:** Transportation, health/well-being, education/training, leisure/recreation, spiritual/cultural, outdoor environment, employment/jobs

**Description:** The Building Canada Fund provides funding for municipal infrastructure projects, particularly in smaller communities. It focuses on improving infrastructure for public transit and roads, culture and recreation, and tourism. The fund is cost-shared; the Government of Canada contributes, on average, one-third of the total eligible cost of each project while the provincial government and the municipality contribute the balance. The Building Canada Fund operates under federal/provincial agreements negotiated between the federal government and each Canadian Province and Territory.

**Source:** Building Canada Fund website: [www.buildingcanada-chantierscanada.gc.ca/index-eng.html](http://www.buildingcanada-chantierscanada.gc.ca/index-eng.html)

#### **ii) Canadian Heritage Funding Programs**

**Elements:** Health/well-being, education/training, spiritual/cultural.

**Description:** Canadian Heritage offers three types of federal funding programs. These include:

- a) Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage: This program supports activities that celebrate local historical heritage, artists and artisans.
- b) Human Rights Program Funding: The objective is to increase the awareness, knowledge, and practical enjoyment of human rights in Canada.
- c) Multiculturalism Program: This program enables Canadians to participate fully in the economic, political, social and cultural life of Canada.

**Source:** Canadian Heritage website: [www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/lst/index-eng.cfm](http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/lst/index-eng.cfm)

**iii) Enabling Accessibility Fund**

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC)

**Elements:** Health/well-being, education/training, outdoor environment, employment/jobs, volunteerism

**Description:** The Enabling Accessibility Fund supports community-based projects across Canada that improves accessibility, reduce barriers and enable Canadians, regardless of physical ability, to participate in and contribute to their community and the economy. There are two kinds of funding under the Enabling Accessibility Fund: Small Projects and Major Projects. Annual call for proposals in April/May.

**Source:** HRSDC website:

[www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability\\_issues/eaf/call2009/index.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability_issues/eaf/call2009/index.shtml)

**iv) Home Adaptations for Seniors Independence Program**

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)

**Elements:** Housing, health/well-being

**Description:** Home Adaptations for Seniors Independence Program (HASI) is a federal program that helps homeowners and landlords pay for minor home adaptations to extend the time low-income seniors can live independently in their own homes. In some areas of Canada, funding for these or similar programs is provided jointly by the Government of Canada, and the provincial or territorial government with the provincial governments being responsible for program delivery. Homeowners and landlords may qualify for HASI assistance in the form of forgivable loans if the occupant of the dwelling where the adaptations will be made meets the following eligibility criteria:

- a) Is 65 and over;
- b) Has difficulty with daily living activities brought on by aging;
- c) Total household income is at or below a specified limit for a given area;
- d) Dwelling unit is a permanent residence.

**Source:** CMHC website: [www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/ab/index.cfm](http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/ab/index.cfm)

**v) Labour Market Partnerships Program**

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC)

**Elements:** Education/training, employment/jobs

**Description:** Labour Market Partnerships is a federal program which assists employers, employee/employer associations and communities, including local governments, to improve their capacity for dealing with human resource requirements and to implement Labour force adjustments. Potential sponsors must submit an application to their local Service Canada Centre.

**Sources:** Civic Info. BC website: [www.civicinfo.bc.ca](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca) and Service Canada website: [www1.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/epb/sid/cia/grants/lmp/desc\\_llmp.shtml](http://www1.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/epb/sid/cia/grants/lmp/desc_llmp.shtml)



**vi) New Horizons for Seniors Program**

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC)

**Elements:** Health/well-being, education/training, outdoor environment, volunteerism

**Description:** The New Horizons for Seniors Program supports projects that improve the quality of life for seniors and their communities. These include initiatives that enable seniors to share their knowledge, wisdom and experiences with others; improve facilities for programs and activities; and raise awareness of elder abuse. There are three kinds of funding: Community Participation and Leadership, Capital Assistance and Elder Abuse Awareness. Proposals are being accepted for the Elder Abuse Awareness and Community Leadership funding programs. The deadlines are May 15 and June 12, 2009 respectively. Calls for proposals for Capital Assistance are anticipated in the fall of 2009.

**Source:** HRSDC website:

[www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community\\_partnerships/seniors/index.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community_partnerships/seniors/index.shtml)

**vii) Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities**

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)

**Elements:** Housing, health/well-being

**Description:** Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities (RRAP- Disabilities) offers financial assistance in the form of forgivable loans to homeowners and landlords to undertake accessibility work to modify dwellings occupied or intended for occupancy by low-income persons with disabilities. Other CMHC programs are available to assist eligible Canadians with repairs to substandard housing, accessibility modifications and modification of homes to construct secondary garden suites. Please visit the CMHC website for further information.

**Source:** CMHC website: [www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/ab/index.cfm](http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/ab/index.cfm)

**viii) Rural Partnership Development Program**

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

**Elements:** Education/training, outdoor environment

**Description:** The Rural Partnership Development Program funds three types of rural community projects: workshops and conferences, projects devoted to partnership development between communities and industry and initiatives to build community capacity. Please visit the website for future calls for proposals.

**Source:** Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada website: [www.rural.gc.ca/RURAL/display-afficher.do?id=1230069491189&lang=eng](http://www.rural.gc.ca/RURAL/display-afficher.do?id=1230069491189&lang=eng)

**ix) Social Development Partnerships Program, Child and Family Component**  
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC)

**Elements:** Support services, health/well-being, education/training

**Description:** The Child and Family component of the Social Development Partnerships Program (SDPP) is a federal program that is accepting proposals for contribution funding projects that meet the program's three funding priorities: supporting children/ youth and families; caregiving over the life course; and strengthening not-for-profit organizations. The Child and Family component of SDPP operates several funding programs, and each Call for Proposals has specific eligibility criteria and funding priorities. Please visit the HRSDC website for further information.

**Source:** HRSDC website:

[www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community\\_partnerships/sdpp/call/social\\_wellbeing/2009/child\\_family.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community_partnerships/sdpp/call/social_wellbeing/2009/child_family.shtml)

**x) Social Development Partnerships Program - Disability Component**  
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC)

**Elements:** Health/well-being, education/training, employment/jobs, outdoor environment.

**Description:** The Social Development Partnerships Program - Disability Component SDPP-D supports a range of community-based initiatives that address social issues and barriers experienced by people with disabilities. It provides two kinds of funding to not-for-profit organizations: Social Development Partnership funding and Accommodation Funding. Please visit the HRSDC website for future calls for proposals.

**Source:** HRSDC website: [www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community\\_partnerships/sdpp/call/disability\\_component/page00.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community_partnerships/sdpp/call/disability_component/page00.shtml)

**xi) Western Economic Diversification Funding Programs**  
Western Economic Diversification

**Elements:** Education/training, employment jobs

**Description:** Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) offers numerous funding and assistance programs. In urban areas, WD provides these programs, whereas in rural and northern regions, non-profit Community Futures Development Corporations are the providing organizations. Funding programs include:

a) Funding for Business: WD works in partnership with financial institutions and not-for-profit organizations to improve access to funding for small businesses. This includes support to entrepreneurs with disabilities through the Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program.

b) Funding for Not-for-Profits: WD provides support for conferences organized by non-profit organizations.

c) Women's Enterprise Initiative offices provide loan programs and information to assist women entrepreneurs in developing or expanding their businesses.

**Source:** WD website: [www.wed.gc.ca/eng/244.asp](http://www.wed.gc.ca/eng/244.asp)

## **B. BRITISH COLUMBIA**

### **i) Age-friendly Community Planning Grant Program**

Union of BC Municipalities

**Elements:** Housing, transportation, support services, health and well-being, spiritual/cultural, leisure/recreation, outdoor environment, volunteerism

**Description:** Age-friendly Community Planning grants assist local governments in British Columbia to best support aging populations, develop and implement policies and plans that enable seniors to age in place and facilitate the creation of age-friendly communities. Eligible applicants are local governments (municipalities and regional districts) in British Columbia.

**Source:** Union of BC Municipalities website:

[www.civicnet.bc.ca/siteengine/ActivePage.asp?PageID=217](http://www.civicnet.bc.ca/siteengine/ActivePage.asp?PageID=217)

### **ii) BC Hydro Donations and Sponsorships Programs**

**Elements:** Education/Training, Spiritual/Cultural, Leisure/Recreation, Outdoor Environment

**Description:** BC Hydro makes monetary and in-kind contributions to support cultural, social and economic well-being in British Columbia. Support is provided to registered charities and not-for-profit organizations that meet outlined criteria. Funding areas include: Environment and sustainability, youth and education, people and leadership initiatives, community projects, environmental protection and management, recreation, parks and culture and social planning and development. There is no submission deadline.

**Source:** Civic Info. BC website: [www.civicinfo.bc.ca](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca)

### **iii) Canada-BC Building Canada Fund - Communities Component**

Government of Canada, Province of BC, Union of BC Municipalities

**Elements:** Outdoor environment, transportation, spiritual/cultural, leisure/recreation

**Description:** Canada and British Columbia have signed the Canada-British Columbia Building Canada Fund - Communities Component Agreement. Under this Agreement, the provincial and federal governments will each allocate \$136 million to the Canada-BC Building Canada Fund - Communities Component (BCF-CC). The following project categories are eligible for funding: local roads, public transit, tourism, culture, recreation, sport, connectivity and Broadband and disaster mitigation.

**Source:** Civic Info. BC website: [www.civicinfo.bc.ca](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca)

**iv) Community Tourism Program**

Union of BC Municipalities

**Element:** Spiritual/cultural

**Description:** The Community Tourism Program is a provincial/municipal initiative to assist local governments to increase economic development and tourism. There is no submission deadline.

**Source:** Civic Info. BC website: [www.civicinfo.bc.ca](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca)

**v) Creative Communities Program**

2010 Legacies Now Society

**Elements:** Spiritual/cultural, leisure/recreation

**Description:** This provincial/municipal program provides funding to local governments to undertake cultural development initiatives as part of the 2010 Legacies Now initiative. This initiative creates sustainable legacies that will benefit all British Columbians as a result of hosting the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Funding is available for cultural mapping and cultural planning. There is no submission deadline.

**Source:** Civic Info. BC website: [www.civicinfo.bc.ca](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca)

**vi) Connecting Citizens Grant Program**

Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services

**Element:** Education/Training

**Description:** The Connecting Citizens Provincial Grant Program is a multi-year grant program to provide infrastructure to deliver Internet connectivity to homes and businesses in rural and remote areas of British Columbia. Eligible applicants can be for-profit or not-for-profit organizations. Please visit the Civic Info. BC. website for future calls for proposals.

**Source:** Civic Info. BC website: [www.civicinfo.bc.ca](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca)

**vii) Literacy Now Communities Program**

2010 Legacies Now Society

**Element:** Education/Training

**Description:** The Literacy Now Communities program is a provincial initiative that guides communities through a planning process to identify local literacy needs. The planning process focuses on building partnerships, networking and sharing best practices within BC's communities and regions. Once planning is complete, literacy task groups are eligible for funds to assist in implementation.

**Source:** Civic Info. BC website: [www.civicinfo.bc.ca](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca)

**viii) LocalMotion Program**

Ministry of Community Services and Ministry of Transportation

**Elements:** Health/ well-being, spiritual/cultural, leisure/recreation, outdoor environment

**Description:** LocalMotion provides funding assistance to local governments for capital projects that make communities greener, healthier and more active and accessible places in which to live. This provincial/municipal program offers funding for initiatives that encourage people to be more active and projects that meet the mobility needs of seniors and people with disabilities by creating age-friendly communities. Please visit the websites listed in "Sources" for future calls for proposals.

**Sources:** Civic Info. BC and LocalMotion websites: [www.civicinfo.bc.ca](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca) and [www.localmotion.gov.bc.ca](http://www.localmotion.gov.bc.ca)

**ix) Northern Health Injury Prevention Program**

BC Northern Health

**Elements:** Health/well-being, education/training

**Description:** Northern Health's Injury Prevention Program focuses on initiatives, programs and community partnerships that build awareness of the injuries in our communities and support prevention strategies to reduce the high rate of injuries in Northern BC. The Injury Prevention Program promotes safety awareness and value throughout the lifespan and the development of community based injury prevention strategies and networks among stakeholders. The deadline for this grant has past. Please see Northern Health's Injury Prevention Program website for further information.

**Source:** BC Northern Health Website:  
[www.northernhealth.ca/Your\\_Health/Programs/InjuryPrevention.asp](http://www.northernhealth.ca/Your_Health/Programs/InjuryPrevention.asp)

**x) Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia Funding Program**

**Element:** Outdoor environment

**Description:** The Real Estate Foundation is a municipal initiative providing project funding and endowment grants to non-profit organizations to support sustainable real estate and land use practices for the benefit of British Columbians. "Endowment grants are available to organizations with charitable status (including municipalities). Project funding is granted to help organizations attain particular goals in specified time periods. There is no submission deadline.

**Source:** Civic Info. BC website [www.civicinfo.bc.ca](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca)

**xi) Smart Development Partnership Program**

Ministry of Community Development

**Element:** Education/Training

**Description:** This provincial program creates partnerships between those who plan and regulate land use (local government), those who build (developers) and those who provide the legislative framework and system support (the Province). Priorities include:

- a) Streamlining and Harmonizing the Development Approval Process
- b) Encouraging the Development of Affordable Market Housing
- c) Planning for Development that Integrates Social Interests
- d) Encouraging the Development of Compact Communities

Funding is shared between partners with the Ministry typically providing up to 50% of the local government's costs, up to a maximum of \$50,000. There is no submission deadline.

**Source:** Civic Info. BC website: [www.civicinfo.bc.ca](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca)

**xii) Towns for Tomorrow Program**

Ministry of Community Services

**Elements:** Health/well-being, spiritual/cultural, leisure/recreation, tourism, outdoor environment.

**Description:** Towns for Tomorrow is a provincial/municipal initiative that opens doors for BC's smaller communities to improve their local infrastructure with projects that include: the development of recreation, tourism or cultural amenities with long-term benefits including the creation of age-friendly communities. The deadline for this grant has past. Please visit the websites listed in "Sources" for future calls for proposals.

**Sources:** Civic Info. BC and Towns for Tomorrow websites: [w.civicinfo.bc.ca](http://w.civicinfo.bc.ca) and [www.townsfortomorrow.gov.bc.ca](http://www.townsfortomorrow.gov.bc.ca)

**C. MANITOBA**

**i) Aboriginal Arts Education Program**

Department of Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport

**Element:** Spiritual/cultural

**Description:** The Aboriginal Arts Education Program provides financial assistance for culture based arts education, training and mentorship initiatives to enhance individual and community artistic development and to promote and preserve Aboriginal culture and heritage. Eligibility is limited to Aboriginal service providers and organizations serving Aboriginal individuals, groups or communities. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

**Source:** Manitoba Department of Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport website: [www.gov.mb.ca/chc/grants/arts\\_aborartseduc\\_grants.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/grants/arts_aborartseduc_grants.html)

**ii) Age Friendly Manitoba Initiative**

Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat, Department of Health and Healthy Living

**Elements:** Housing, transportation, support services, health/well-being, leisure/recreation, outdoor environment, volunteerism

**Description:** The Age-Friendly Manitoba Initiative is a partnership program that supports seniors in leading active, socially engaged, independent lives that contribute to healthy aging. Each participating community receives \$2000 to develop and implement action plans to make their communities more age friendly. The next call for Age-Friendly applications will occur some time in 2009. Please refer to their website for further information.

**Source:** Seniors and Healthy Living Secretariat website:  
[www.gov.mb.ca/shas/agefriendly/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/shas/agefriendly/index.html)

**iii) Building Manitoba Fund**

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs

**Elements:** Transportation, leisure/recreation, outdoor environment

**Description:** The Building Manitoba Fund provides Manitoba municipalities with a share of provincial income tax and fuel tax revenues in support of municipal roads, recreation facilities, public transit, public safety, etc. The Building Canada Fund operates under federal/provincial agreements negotiated between the federal government and each Canadian Province and Territory. The following types of grants are available:

- a) Municipal Recreation Fund to enhance and upgrade recreation facilities in rural and northern Manitoba.
- b) Rural / Northern Library Technology Fund: A new permanent fund to provide direct and on-going assistance to rural and northern libraries for new technology, enhanced services and improved public access.
- c) Transit Operating Grants: Operating grants are provided to municipalities to support public transit services, including handi-transit and the Rural Handy-Van Program for the Mobility Disadvantaged.
- d) General Support Grants: Unconditional grants provided to 19 municipalities, to offset the cost of the Province's Health and Post Secondary Education Tax Levy.

**Sources:** Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs website:  
[www.gov.mb.ca/ia/programs/local\\_gov/grants\\_payments\\_rural.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/ia/programs/local_gov/grants_payments_rural.html) and  
[www.gov.mb.ca/ia/programs/local\\_gov/grants\\_payments\\_fund.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/ia/programs/local_gov/grants_payments_fund.html)

**iv) Ethnocultural Community Support Program**

Manitoba Labour and Immigration

**Elements:** Leisure/recreation, spiritual/cultural

**Description:** The Ethnocultural Community Support Program (a provincial initiative) provides funding to ethnocultural community non-profit organizations to preserve, enhance, promote and share Manitoba's rich and diverse cultural heritage; and to encourage the development of partnerships between cultural

communities to foster cross-cultural understanding, harmony and equality. Eligible organizations may apply for Special Project or Operational Funding. Deadlines for applications are April 30, August 31, and December 31 of each year.

**Source:** Manitoba Labour and Immigration website:  
[www2.immigratemanitoba.com/browse/multiculturalism/multiculturalism-ecsp.html](http://www2.immigratemanitoba.com/browse/multiculturalism/multiculturalism-ecsp.html)

**v) Manitoba Community Places Program**

Manitoba Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport

**Elements:** Health/well-being, leisure/recreation, spiritual/cultural, outdoor environment.

**Description:** The Manitoba Community Places Program provides funding and planning assistance to non-profit community organizations for facility construction, upgrading, and expansion or acquisition projects. Eligible projects are those which provide sustainable recreation and wellness benefits to communities. The maximum grant is \$50,000. The deadline for submitting applications is February 15 and approvals are announced in the spring, every year.

**Source:** Manitoba Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport website:  
[www.gov.mb.ca/chc/grants/cpp.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/grants/cpp.html)

**vi) Manitoba Community Services Council**

Manitoba Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport

**Elements:** Outdoor environment, spiritual/cultural, leisure/recreation

**Description:** Manitoba Community Services Council (MCSC) awards grants to successful applicants (usually non-profit organizations) in the form of monies, bingos or a combination of the two. Applications are accepted throughout the year. MCSC will consider requests for: capital and operational costs, special projects and other purposes including playground development initiatives. Playground development projects must include a plan for the playground to be accessible to those with mobility or other disabilities.

**Source:** Manitoba Community Services Council website: [www.MBCSC.ca](http://www.MBCSC.ca)

**vii) Neighbourhoods Alive!**

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs

**Elements:** Housing, leisure/recreation, education/training, employment/jobs, outdoor environment

**Description:** Neighbourhoods Alive! is a long-term, community-based, social and economic development strategy that supports and encourages community-driven revitalization efforts in designated neighbourhoods in key areas. These include: Housing and physical improvements; employment and training; education and recreation; and safety and crime prevention. Employment and Income Assistance clients and youth with multiple barriers are targeted populations to take advantage of this program. Program support is available to community organizations in designated communities and neighbourhoods in



Winnipeg, Brandon, Thompson, Portage la Prairie, Dauphin, Selkirk, Flin Flon and The Pas.

**Source:** Manitoba Department of Intergovernmental Affairs website:  
[www.gov.mb.ca/ia/programs/neighbourhoods/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/ia/programs/neighbourhoods/index.html)

**viii) Neighbourhood Development Assistance**

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs

**Elements:** Housing, outdoor environment

**Description:** Neighbourhood Development Assistance provides funding to support the formation and operation of democratic Neighbourhood Renewal Corporations (NRCs), to enable them to plan and coordinate neighbourhood renewal efforts through community economic development. Neighbourhood Development Assistance is available only in communities designated by Neighbourhoods Alive! (see above). This program funds representative community groups involved in developing a Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation (NRC) or that have already been incorporated as an NRC. New NRCs are eligible for up to \$25,000 in start-up funding and up to \$75,000 a year in core operating funding.

**Source:** Manitoba Department of Intergovernmental Affairs website:  
[www.gov.mb.ca/ia/programs/neighbourhoods/programs/nda.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/ia/programs/neighbourhoods/programs/nda.html)

**D. ONTARIO**

**i) Building Ontario Fund**

Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure

**Elements:** Transportation, health/well-being, spiritual/cultural, leisure/recreation, outdoor environment, employment/jobs

**Description:** Under the Building Ontario Fund, the governments of Canada and Ontario are working in partnership with municipalities to build a strong economy, safe and vibrant communities and a healthy, sustainable environment. The fund contributes to improved transportation safety and efficiency, as well as new and renewed cultural institutions and sport facilities. The Building Canada Fund is divided into two unique infrastructure investment vehicles: the Major Infrastructure Component and the Communities Component. The Fund operates under federal/provincial agreements negotiated between the federal government and each Canadian Province and Territory.

**Source:** Building Canada Fund website: [www.bcfontario.ca/english/index.html](http://www.bcfontario.ca/english/index.html)

**ii) Communities In Action Fund**

Ministry of Health Promotion

**Elements:** Health/well-being, leisure/recreation

**Description:** The Communities In Action Fund (CIAF) is a provincial program that helps local, regional and provincial not-for-profit organizations to provide and enhance opportunities for physical activity through community sport and recreation. The deadline for applications has past. Please visit the website for future calls for proposals.

**Source:** Ministry of Health Promotion website:  
[www.gov.on.ca/english/sportandrec/ciaf/default.asp](http://www.gov.on.ca/english/sportandrec/ciaf/default.asp)

**iii) Cultural Strategic Investment Fund**

Ministry of Culture

**Elements:** Spiritual/cultural, leisure/recreation, tourism

**Description:** The Cultural Strategic Investment Fund (CSIF) supports projects that contribute to Ontario's cultural development and achieve economic and creative growth. Incorporated not-for-profit organizations working in the arts, heritage or cultural industries, and Ontario-based research/academic institutions with a focus on the cultural sector can apply for funding. Applicants must have at least one project partner. Please visit the website for future calls for proposals.

**Source:** Ministry of Culture website: [www.culture.gov.on.ca/english/csif/index.html](http://www.culture.gov.on.ca/english/csif/index.html)

**iv) Municipal Immigration Information Online Program**

Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration

**Element:** Education/training

**Description:** The Municipal Immigration Information Online Program is a provincial/municipal initiative that assists Ontario-based municipalities interested in establishing locally produced, web-based resources for newcomers. Please visit the website for future calls for proposals.

**Source:** Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration website:  
[www.ontarioimmigration.ca/english/grant.asp](http://www.ontarioimmigration.ca/english/grant.asp)

**v) Municipal and Local Infrastructure Program**

Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure

**Elements:** Housing, transportation, health/well-being, leisure/recreation, outdoor environment

**Description:** The Government of Ontario builds sound municipal infrastructure across the province including: the promotion of parks and recreation facilities; better local roads, transportation and transit. Investments under a new ReNew Ontario plan also include healthcare, education, economic prosperity, affordable housing, justice and rural communities. Please visit the website for further information.

**Source:** Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure website:  
[www.mei.gov.on.ca.wsd6.korax.net/english/infrastructure/sectors/?page=municipal](http://www.mei.gov.on.ca.wsd6.korax.net/english/infrastructure/sectors/?page=municipal)

**vi) Ontario's Community Builders Program**

Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration

**Element:** Spiritual/cultural

**Description:** The Ontario Community Builders program is a provincial initiative that supports community organizations to recognize the rich diversity of cultures that make up Ontario's population. Up to \$20,000 is available for projects that support the program priorities. These include: Raising awareness of Ontario's diversity, building community capacity and enhancing community engagement. The deadline for applications has past. Please visit the website for future calls for proposals.

**Source:** Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration website:  
[www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/living/builders/](http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/living/builders/)

**vii) Ontario Trillium Foundation**

Ministry of Culture

**Elements:** Health/well-being, spiritual/cultural, leisure/recreation, volunteerism

**Description:** The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the Ontario Government, supports the roles of arts, culture, recreation, sports, the environment and social services in the creation of vibrant communities. OTF offers three types of time-limited grants: operating, project and capital. Please visit the website for further information.

**Source:** Ontario Trillium Foundation website:  
[www.trilliumfoundation.org/cms/en/about/about-welcomes.aspx?menuid=2](http://www.trilliumfoundation.org/cms/en/about/about-welcomes.aspx?menuid=2)

**viii) Rural Connections Broadband Program**

Ministry of Agriculture

**Elements:** Health/well-being, education/training

**Description:** The Rural Connections program reduces broadband infrastructure gaps in underserved rural regions in southern Ontario. It enhances economic development and improves access to public services such as e-learning, e-health and e-government. The deadline for applications has past. Please visit the website for future calls for proposals.

**Source:** Ministry of Agriculture website:  
[www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/ruralconnections/broadband.htm](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/ruralconnections/broadband.htm)

**ix) Rural Economic Development**

Ministry of Agriculture

**Elements:** Health/well-being, education/training

**Description:** The Rural Economic Development (RED) program assists with the costs of projects that use the power of partnership to create change.

Partners can include: Individuals, businesses, organizations, or municipal governments. They share a common goal: to breathe new life into rural communities, make more opportunities to develop skills, and improve access to health care. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

**Source:** Ministry of Agriculture website: [www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/red/](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/red/)

**PART V: CONCLUSION**

This resource document is intended as a starting point for community action for livable and inclusive communities. We hope it has assisted pilot communities in identifying linkages between their priority areas and available resources towards implementation. If your community has encountered useful documents throughout this process, we would encourage you to contact us so we can make future modifications to this list of resources. We would also appreciate feedback on how useful this resource guide was in working towards your priority areas. Thank you!



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