

Mapping the Communities Agenda in Canada
An Inventory of Action, Resources, Programs and Policies

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Who is driving the community agenda in Canada? Where are the models for building community and neighbourhood vitality? Who is thinking about it, promoting it, and resourcing it? These are the questions that the leadership of **Action for Neighbourhood Change** has asked us to address. This inventory identifies the principle national, regional, and local activities, researchers, funders, programs and policies that support and advance the 'Communities Agenda' in Canada. For the purpose of this research **Communities Agenda** is defined as:

Policies and initiatives that are intended to contribute to building and sustaining strong and resilient communities (including neighbourhoods) in Canada, where resilience refers to the capacity to mobilize resources in order to maintain quality of life in the face of change.¹

The inventory is divided into four sections:

- A. Organizations, Initiatives and Networks
- B. Research Centres, Think Tanks, and Foundations
- C. Government Programs and Policies
- D. Quality of Life and Impact Measurement Projects

A. Organizations, Initiatives and Networks:

There is a wide range of local initiatives, projects, and citizens groups aimed at strengthening neighbourhoods and community vitality and there is a great deal to be learned from their rich experiences, passion, drive, and innovation. In this mapping exercise, however, we focused on organizations, initiatives, and networks that were largely Pan-Canadian in scope or were part of a broader-based initiative that was taking place in more than one location within a province or territory. The inventory is by no means comprehensive but it does provide a portrait of the current landscape on which the *communities agenda* is evolving.

While these initiatives differ in terms of their scope, nature, and source of funding, they seem to share the following **common goals** to:

- Improve the wellbeing of citizens
- Involve residents in local decision-making/planning
- Create cohesion within the neighbourhood/community
- Strengthen the relationships between the neighbourhood and governments

¹ Steenberg, Pat, National Project Manager, Action for Neighbourhood Change (excerpt from Statement of Work)

- Establish linkages among service providers from the public, private, and voluntary sectors
- Build Community Capacity (leadership, organizational development)
- Increase Community Engagement/Civic Participation
- Facilitate Access to Services and Integrate (government) departmental planning/programming²

B. Research Centres, Think Tanks, and Foundations

There are many individual researchers from a variety of disciplines who have done work on community and neighbourhood development. This inventory, however, identifies organized research units within academic institutions, independent think tanks, and private foundations which have ongoing activities or have demonstrated a longer term interest in the *communities agenda*.

C. Government Programs and Policies

This section was more challenging to complete, given the recent changes in government (federal and in a number of provinces) the reorganization of many departments, and the specific timing of the research, during peak holiday time and before budgets have been confirmed for the upcoming fiscal year. Here we provided a sampling of key programs and policies in a number of provinces, territories, and municipalities, as well as in several federal government departments.

D. Quality of Life and Impact Measurement Projects

The Neighbourhood Vitality Index, being developed through Action for Neighbourhood Change, is an example of a collaborative process that continues to engage individuals and institutions in the field. The most common types of impact measurement tools and evaluation models referred to by those in the inventory include:

- Quality of Life Indicators Projects
- Social Return on Investment Tools
- Asset Mapping Tools
- Social Capital Indices
- Perceptual Snapshots
- Participants' & Stakeholders' Feedback

In this section, you will find a variety of projects that incorporate some or a combination of the above models and tools.

² Speevak Sladowski, Paula, Evaluating Neighbourhood and Community Initiatives, background paper for the Neighbourhood Planning Initiative of the City of Ottawa, July 2006, through the Carleton Centre for Urban and Rural Education (CURE) Network

Individuals vs. Institutions:

This report contains an expansive inventory of institutions in the public, private, and voluntary sector that are contributing to advancing and supporting the *communities agenda* in Canada. It does not identify the individuals whose leadership, skills, perseverance, instincts, and vision have had tremendous impact in this field, over the past five years. They are

- Community Developers
- Neighbourhood/Community Association Leaders
- Human Services Staff and Volunteers
- Researchers
- Grant-makers
- Policy Makers
- Journalists
- Politicians

Building Cohesion among the Communities Agenda Players:

As you read through the profiles in the inventory and reflect on those others that you are aware of, you will see that Canada is not lacking in action, research, resources, programs, and policies to support and advance the *communities agenda*. What is needed is a vehicle to connect and convene those institutions and individuals working in this field to develop common language and to:

- Share experiences
- Access resources
- Improve practice
- Facilitate collaboration
- Develop collective research agenda
- Co-ordinate public policy participation

Building upon this inventory:

There are some networks and associations that have had considerable success in bringing together individuals and institutions with common interests around research, practice, or policy. A next step may be to contact those in the inventory to ask them:

- Where do you go for training?
- What are your top ten websites?
- What associations or networks do you belong to?
- Who else do you work with?

Further Analysis:

We may also want to deepen our understanding of the initiatives in the inventory as most of the information was derived from static sources. Further analysis of the individual profiles and the inventory as a whole could be based on elements such as:

- Geographic reach of initiative
- Profile and network capital
- Partnerships and alliances
- Degree of integration (of complex social issues)
- Multi-sector engagement
- Local leadership capacity

Methodology and Limitations of Inventory:

As noted earlier, this inventory is not comprehensive, the information was drawn largely from websites, reports, and newsletters, and the quality and impact of the initiatives included were not investigated. We want to apologize for any inaccurate information and for the many other worthwhile initiatives that do not appear in the inventory. It is our hope that this will be a dynamic document that serves as a foundation for further work in this area.

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Name of initiative	ACORN Canada
Mandate	A member-driven, national non-profit organization that represents low- and moderate-income Canadians on the critical issues of social and economic justice. ACORN has a simple premise: harnessing the involvement and developing the leadership capacities of low-income people improves the effectiveness of efforts to improve their communities.
Focus regarding communities agenda	ACORN Canada believes that transforming the conditions that adversely affect millions of Canadians can best be achieved with an active national membership – members deeply invested in their organization and focused clearly on lasting change. At present ACORN Canada and its ten membership chapters in Toronto, Ontario and Surrey and New Westminster, British Columbia are working on the issues of predatory lending, tenants' rights, and crime and safety.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predatory Lending Campaign: ACORN Canada members are concerned about the criminal interest rates charged by the unregulated payday lending industry. • Sherwin-Williams Lead Paint Campaign: ACORN members are demanding that Sherwin-Williams establish a lead remediation fund in every high impact city in Canada.
Sources of funding	Membership fees, foundations, labour unions, grassroots fundraising
Scope	National (current chapters in Toronto, Ottawa, Surrey and New Westminster, British Columbia)
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Name of initiative	Action for Neighbourhood Change
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Mandate	<p>Action for Neighbourhood Change is a unique learning initiative that explored and assessed approaches to locally-driven neighbourhood revitalization that can enhance the capacity of individuals and families to build and sustain strong, healthy communities. The overarching priority for ANC is to undertake strategic action research (Plan – Act – Reflect) in order to learn to facilitate improved living conditions for individuals and families.</p> <p>This innovative, fast paced project is the result of a partnership between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Way of Canada - Centraide Canada • The Caledon Institute of Social Policy • Tamarack - An Institute for Community Engagement • The National Film Board
Focus regarding communities agenda	Working with local residents, not-for-profit agencies and public and private sector partners, Action for Neighbourhood Change combines local resources in new ways to develop creative locally-based solutions for sustainable community development and neighbourhood revitalization.
Activities	Action for Neighbourhood Change took place in the cities of Surrey, Regina, Thunder Bay, Toronto and Halifax. Neighbourhood sites were selected by the local United Way in consultation with residents, community leaders, government and key community organizations. Based on the results of this learning initiative, Action for Neighbourhood Change may be expanded to a number of additional communities.
Sources of funding	<p>ANC was funded through the collaboration of five federal departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Resources and Skills Development Canada: The National Homelessness Initiative, Office of Learning Technologies • National Literacy Secretariat • Health Canada: Canada's Drug Strategy • Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada • National Crime Prevention Strategy
Scope	<p>Action for Neighbourhood Change was a national project with demonstration sites led by the following local United Ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Way of Halifax Region • United Way of Greater Toronto • United Way of Thunder Bay • United Way of Regina • United Way of the Lower Mainland
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Name of initiative	Canadian Association for Community Service-Learning
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Mandate	The Canadian Association for Community Service-Learning (CACSL) supports, educates, and networks to ensure the effective growth of CSL in Canada. Our vision is students, educators and communities learning and working together to strengthen individuals and society.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Community Service-Learning (CSL) is an educational approach that integrates service in the community with intentional learning activities. Within effective CSL efforts, members of both educational institutions and community organizations work together toward outcomes that are mutually beneficial.
Activities	Advocate for CSL; educate about CSL; network CSL programs in Canada; research CSL in Canada
Sources of funding	McConnell Family Foundation
Scope	National with a focus on post-secondary educational institutions and non-profit organizations
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Name of initiative	Canadian Community Economic Development Network
Mandate	Our mission is to promote and support community economic development for the social, economic and environmental betterment of communities within Canada.
Focus regarding communities agenda	The membership of CCEDNet is made up of Community Economic Development (CED) community-based organizations and practitioners from every region of Canada. Our members bring urban, rural and northern experience and a diverse range of community economic development expertise to the work of CCEDNet.
Activities	Committees and initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practitioner and Sector Strengthening Committee • Membership Committee • Co-operative Development Initiative • Pan-Canadian Community Development Learning Network • Emerging Leaders Committee • CreateAction CED Work Experience Program • CCEDNet International Committee • CCEDNet International Committee; Regional Networks
Sources of funding	J.W. McConnell Family Foundation, Muttart Foundation, Ontario Trillium Foundation, membership fees
Scope	National, regional networks
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Name of initiative	Canadian Community Leadership Network
Mandate	Community Leadership Programs promote and encourage outstanding community leadership, by developing the leadership capabilities of citizens who care about the community, who understand its strengths and weaknesses, and who are willing to make a personal investment to improve a community's quality of life.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Community leadership programs share four core characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They identify rising decision-makers/leaders from all sectors of the community; • They function as an initiative owned by the broader community; • They involve a balance among all sectors of the community in their governance bodies, and program content/perspectives; • They follow similar formats: a six to nine month timeframe that may include opening and closing workshops, monthly training days, a community project and on-going inclusion of alumni.
Activities	The twenty-one Canadian community leadership programs collaborate to share best-practices and mentor new programs.
Sources of funding	J.W. McConnell Family Foundation
Scope	National
Contact person	Dennis Chubb, Board Chair
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Web	http://www.cclnet.org/

Name of initiative	Canadian Cooperative Association
Mandate	CCA provides leadership to promote, develop, and unite co-operatives and credit unions for the benefit of people in Canada and around the world.
Focus regarding communities agenda	<p>Building Community Assets-the Co-operative Advantage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project is now complete and a range of new materials are now available for policy makers, co-operative organizations, low-income groups, CED and community –based organizations, and anyone interested fighting poverty in Canada. • The policy framework, <i>Building Assets in Low- income Communities through Co-operatives: A Policy Framework</i>, contains new analysis on how co-ops help build both personal and community assets. It also makes recommendations for policy and program action by all three levels of government, the co-operative sector, and community –based groups. • The Next Step belongs to us all. The Canadian Co-operative Association believes that the co-operative model is a powerful tool in the fight against poverty. Increased use of the co-op model in low-income communities will depend on a more supportive policy context, increased resources, and the co-operation of many stakeholders.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For over a quarter century, CCA has assisted co-operatives of all types and descriptions in over 40 countries through our International Development Program, designed and managed with the complete involvement of local co-operative partners. • Through co-operatives, CCA works to reduce poverty. Our work helps people to provide themselves with food, with education, with shelter, and with higher levels of income. • CCA also supports co-op development in Canada. • Our Government Affairs & Public Policy (GAPP) unit analyzes and influences federal government strategies, policies, legislation, and regulations to ensure that the needs of co-operatives are met. • CCA provides a common table where co-operatives and credit unions across Canada come together around issues unique to them. CCA is currently focusing on two knowledge areas - democratic governance and leadership and community involvement strategies.
Sources of funding	Membership fees
Scope	National, international
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Name of initiative	Centre for Community Enterprise
Mandate	The Centre for Community Enterprise is a pre-eminent source of expertise and resources in starting and strengthening CED organizations, revitalizing communities, developing community-minded businesses, CED curriculum design and delivery, and publishing.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Community economic development (CED) is the process by which people build organizations and partnerships that interconnect profitable business with other interests and values - like quality jobs, marketable skills, good health, affordable housing, equal opportunity, and ecological responsibility. Businesses become an integral part of a far greater agenda - a local movement to build (or rebuild) a community that is creative, inclusive, and sustainable in the near and distant future.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Resilience manual • Training and education that increases local readiness and capacity to undertake community economic development • Community economic development planning including development of benchmarks and indicators • Building partnerships and alliances within or between sectors in a community or region • Assisting nonprofit and for-profit organizations in building and maintaining strategic linkages between business and community • Working with universities, colleges, and other organizations and specialists to design and deliver CED programs and curricula in a range of settings
Sources of funding	Unknown
Scope	National
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Name of initiative	Chantier de l'économie sociale
Mandate	Its main mission is to promote the social economy as an integral part of the socio-economic structure of Quebec by supporting the emergence, development and consolidation of social economy businesses and enterprises in such areas as recycling, daycare, housing, support to seniors, recreation and social tourism, and culture and communications.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Works in support of community development initiatives in Quebec
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for testing new community economic development projects and approaches • Management and leadership training • Identification of new forms of social investment
Sources of funding	J.W. McConnell Family Foundation, membership fees, Government of Quebec
Scope	Quebec
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Name of initiative	Community Economic Development Across Canada
Mandate	The pan-Canadian web portal on Community Economic Development, is a free resource to promote information sharing and collaboration among CED practitioners in Canada.
Focus regarding communities agenda	This learning network provides a CED portal that seeks to bring attention to learning in the community economic development sector.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The portal will support and encourage dialogue within and among subgroups of the CED sector and will facilitate the ongoing exchange of information and ideas among CED stakeholders. • The portal will help raise public awareness of CED • Volunteer editors manage the content of the topics they are responsible for by adding new information, approving suggestions for new information from portal members, facilitating discussion and promoting participation
Sources of funding	Unknown
Scope	National
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Web	http://www.cedcanada.ca

Name of initiative	Community Economic Development Technical Assistance Program
Mandate	CEDTAP's mission is to enhance the legitimacy and effectiveness of community-based organizations engaged in community economic development by supporting activities that will strengthen their capacities and increase the visibility, knowledge, coherence and resources of the CED sector as a whole in cooperation with other organizations with similar interests.
Focus regarding communities agenda	CEDTAP assists CED agencies in support of leading-edge, community development initiatives to create new, sustainable economic development solutions in disadvantaged communities throughout Canada.
Activities	CEDTAP is Canada's largest non-profit (non-governmental) granting agency in the field of Community Economic Development (CED).
Sources of funding	J.W. McConnell Family Foundation, Carleton University, Bell Canada's Community Economic Development Fund, and other private donations
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Name of initiative	Community Social Planning Council of Toronto
Mandate	Committed to independent social planning at the local and city-wide levels in order to improve the quality of life for all people in Toronto. It is committed to diversity, social and economic justice, and active citizen participation in all aspects of community life.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Community Capacity Building activities: strengthening the community resource base to enact essential social supports and enabling all community stakeholders to participate in decision-making processes on the social development of their communities and city.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Research and Analysis • Community Capacity Building • Community Education and Advocacy • Social Reporting
Sources of funding	Membership fees, donations
Scope	GTA
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Name of initiative	Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues
Mandate	We are very proud of our Federation of 150 separate and independent Community Leagues. Each League embodies the spirit of 'community' where neighbours are encouraged to get to know each other, share in social and recreational activities, and work to the betterment of the community.
Focus regarding communities agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facilitating healthy and safe communities through affordable recreation, sports and social activities, • developing, encouraging, and celebrating League Volunteers, • advocating on issues that affect communities, • providing a central location for meetings, recreational programs, and social events.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Development • Community Planning and Development • Community Operations • Communications • Extra Resources • Learning Opportunities • Recreation Directories
Sources of funding	
Scope	
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Name of initiative	Green Communities Canada
Mandate	Green Communities Canada is a national network of community-based non-profit organizations that deliver innovative environmental programs and services, with a focus on household and community action. Green Communities Canada supports member organizations in working together to achieve environmental sustainability, including healthy ecosystems and communities, sustainable resource use, and clean air, water, and soil.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Network of community-based organizations that focus on community action
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share program information and resources through the weekly Green Communities News, conferences, meetings, and the Green Room (a private online forum for members) • Facilitate the delivery of joint programs common to a number of our members (e.g., Active and Safe Routes to School, Home Energy Efficiency). • Help to develop skills and the organizational capacity of GCA members (governance, financial management, human resources, policies, etc.) • Build the reputation of our members, Green Communities Canada, and programs. • Recruit existing organizations to join the Green Communities Canada and aid local efforts to form new ones.
Sources of funding	Partners (municipalities, utilities, community organizations, businesses, media, foundations, federal, provincial and territorial governments, faith groups, schools and post-secondary institutions, First Nations and others), the Ontario Trillium Foundation
Scope	National
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Name of initiative	Inclusive Cities Canada
Mandate	Inclusive Cities Canada conducts research and engages local leadership and community participation in order to shape public policy and institutional practices. The initiative will create a horizontal civic alliance on social inclusion across urban communities in Canada.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote social inclusion as key to the development of a Canadian urban strategy • To support civic capacity to build inclusive communities in which all people are able to participate as valued and contributing members • To secure a stronger voice for civic communities in national social policy • To ensure that community voices of diversity are recognized as core Canadian ones
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase one includes research, analysis and reporting by Local Civic Panels and staff where community focus groups and local soundings examined people's perceptions of the 'inclusivity' of their city and communities in terms of diversity, human development, civic engagement, living conditions, and community services. • Phase two concentrates on strengthening and expanding the cross-Canada civic network and developing strategic initiatives identified as local priorities with a cross-Canada report released in May 2005 to promote policies and practices that strengthen social infrastructure and build inclusive communities and cities nationwide.
Sources of funding	Social Development Canada, Laidlaw Foundation
Scope	National
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Name of initiative	L'Institut du Nouveau Monde
Mandate	L'Institut du Nouveau Monde is a non-partisan institute devoted to "renewing ideas and enlivening public debate." It seeks to foster the emergence of innovative solutions to problems in Quebec society today, from a perspective of social justice, respect for democratic values, and a spirit of openness and innovation.
Focus regarding communities agenda	To foster citizen engagement in social and economic issues
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources and information • Economic and social development indicators for Quebec • The use of technology and information to foster public deliberation and to bring together citizens from all regions of Quebec • To disseminate public discussions to external networks and to facilitate exchanges, dialogues, conferences, and meetings of diverse groups of people
Sources of funding	Membership fees, donations
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Name of initiative	Meal Exchange
Mandate	Meal Exchange is a national student-founded, youth-driven, registered charity organized to address local hunger by mobilizing the talent and passion of students.
Focus regarding communities agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strives to include all students, community members and partners who are interested in food security and making an impact on local hunger • Acts as a vehicle for change that promotes each campus' individual creativity and innovation to ensure core programmes are fulfilled in a manner that is unique to the needs of the community in which they live • Core programmes work to engage citizen leaders through opportunities that work with the strengths and capacities of students to address local hunger issues • Fosters the development of social entrepreneurs and leaders who are working to create long term solutions as well as awareness-raising campaigns for food insecurity in Canada.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trick or Eat: costumed students canvass university, college and secondary school neighbourhoods collecting food for local social service agencies while also raising awareness about local hunger and volunteer opportunities that allow their neighbours to get involved in addressing hunger. • Skip a Meal: facilitates the student donation of money from meal plans to purchase food at wholesale prices for those that can't afford it in their community. • Clear the Shelves: provides students an opportunity to donate food, clothing, and furniture to local charities.
Sources of funding	Foundations, sponsors, donations
Scope	National (on university and college campuses)
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Name of initiative	National Anti-Poverty Organization
Mandate	NAPO works for the eradication of poverty in Canada by: ensuring the concern of low-income people are reflected in federal policy and decision making; defending the human and economic rights of low-income people; and assisting local and regional organizations to bring the voices of low-income people in Canada to decision making and policy making processes in their communities.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Campaigns, advocacy and education on poverty issues seek to make change at the community level.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make the Minimum Wage a Living Wage • Save the EnerGuide for Low Income Households program • Our Future Now! End Youth Poverty • Stop the Clawback of the NCBS • Make Poverty History • End Child Poverty • NAPO Letter to MPs • Social Transfer Debate • Coordination of efforts by NGOs to provide information to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights • Popular education workshops on poverty issues • Resource centre • Speakers for conferences or other events • Workshop facilitation and research assistance
Sources of funding	Individual donations, memberships, a grant from Social Development Canada, project funding from foundations and other organizations, publication sales and fees for workshop facilitation or research.
Scope	National
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Name of initiative	National Coalition on Housing and Homelessness
Mandate	The National Coalition on Housing and Homelessness believes it is time for the federal government to take action to deliver housing that low income Canadians can truly afford.
Focus regarding communities agenda	The Coalition supports a new dedicated federal social housing program to help build 25,000 homes per year for families and individuals for at least the next decade. The new program would ensure the creation of new housing to be available to low and middle income Canadians, including meeting the needs of the aboriginal community.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website with information on affordable housing • Campaign calling upon Canadians to ask their federal politicians to endorse new funding for permanently affordable social housing • Raise awareness about need for affordable housing
Sources of funding	The National Coalition on Housing and Homelessness is supported by a variety of organizations concerned about affordable housing issues: the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association, the National Anti-Poverty Organization, the Co-op Housing Federation of Canada, the National Aboriginal Housing Association, the United Church of Canada, Family Service Canada, the Anglican Church of Canada, the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association, Raising the Roof and the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee. The Coalition would also like to thank the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for their support of this initiative.
Scope	National
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Web	http://www.housingnow.ca

Name of initiative	North Victoria Healthy Communities Coalition
Mandate	The NVHCC is a group of local citizens concerned about the health of the community in which we live. This area is a rural area consisting of a cluster of 5 small communities which is suffering from severe unemployment, depression, suicide, and a lack of hope for the future.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Community development initiative
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Based Community Development Project • Community Access Program • Mapping Ontario Community Health Promotion Programs • Community Transportation Action Program • Action21 Environmental Project • Eastern Ontario Region Family Support Networks
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Name of initiative	Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition
Mandate	To work with the diverse communities of Ontario to strengthen their social, environmental and economic well-being.
Focus regarding communities agenda	The Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition (OHCC) seeks to achieve social, environmental, and economic health and well-being for individuals, communities and local governments.
Activities	OHCC supports community groups and coalitions that are working on Healthy Community or related initiatives by providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and consultation • Information on resources, tools and other Healthy Community initiatives • Referrals to relevant resource materials and organizations • Facilitation of community meetings and organizational planning sessions • Educational materials in English and French • Print and electronic formats • Healthy Communities, the semi-annual OHCC newsletter • Monthly OHCC e-bulletins
Sources of funding	Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion, donations
Scope	Ontario
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Name of initiative	Pan Canadian Community Futures Group
Mandate	The largest, most well-established community economic development network in Canada, representing some 268 Community Futures Development Corporations and Community Business Development Corporations in every province and territory.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Community Futures is a community driven economic renewal initiative, assisting communities in rural Canada to develop and implement innovative strategies for dealing with a changing economic environment. At the heart of the Community Futures approach is a firm belief that local decision-making is the key to enabling communities to shape their futures.
Activities	Gateway to a network of 268 Community Economic Development offices across Canada; compilation of community economic development best practices.
Sources of funding	Government of Canada
Scope	National
Address	Pan Canadian Community Futures Group is an online network of CED offices across Canada and therefore does not have its own contact information. Visit website to link to regional/provincial organizations:
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Futures Development Corporations in Ontario • Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs) of Western Canada • Réseau des SADC du Québec • Atlantic Association of Community Business Development Corporations (CBDCs) • NB Association of CBCD's • Northwest Territories Community Futures Association
Web	http://www.communityfutures.ca

Name of initiative	Réseau québécois de Villes et Villages en santé
Mandate	Engages in integrated action by various municipal services and with organizations in the community, be they resources in the health network, the education network, the work world, community groups or citizens themselves. It is based on the fact that municipalities represent the political level closest to the population and undoubtedly the most significant for its health, since an individual's quality of life is a key factor in his state of health.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Brings a community's dynamic forces together, getting people to collaborate, consulting citizens and getting them to set priorities for their needs.
Activities	The network has 140 member municipalities representing over 50 % of Quebec's population. Each municipality carries out projects to improve the quality of life of its citizens in a concrete way by adapting to the community's specific needs and resources.
Sources of funding	Membership fees
Scope	Quebec
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Name of initiative	Social Planning Coalition of the Northwest Territories
Mandate	(unofficial)To bring staff and volunteers from various organizations together to collaboration on social planning, staff development, and capacity building issues
Focus regarding communities agenda	Social planning organizations help build and strengthen community through research, policy analysis, facilitating collaboration, mobilizing community members, and performing advocacy around issues of important in the community.
Activities	Unknown
Sources of funding	Unknown
Scope	Northwest Territories
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Name of initiative	Social Planning Network of Ontario
Mandate	The Social Planning Network of Ontario (SPNO) is a coalition of social planning councils (SPC), community development councils (CDC), resource centres, and planning committees located in various communities throughout Ontario. Each of the individual organizations has their own mandates but are connected in the cause of effecting change on social policies, conditions, and issues.
Focus regarding communities agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social planning organizations exist to build and strengthen community. This mission focuses on the social impact on individuals, families and communities of larger social, economic, political, and cultural forces in society. It also encompasses advocating for the development of essential community and social supports as provided through human service systems. • Province-wide network of twenty community-based social planning councils that provide research, policy analysis, community education and community development supports on issues of social and economic development in their local/regional areas. This includes research and information on social capital, community capacity-building, and social and economic inclusion.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of Life Index: community development strategy to monitor the living and working conditions of Ontarians. • GANIS (Geographical And Numeric Information Systems): GIS for social mapping is a powerful decision making tool that merges geographical information with social data in order to provide answers to social questions of importance in the community. • Social Capital Formation: a research and development project that undertook three community case studies. • The Social and Economic Inclusion Initiative (SEII): seeks to create communities of interest and generate project proposals on community mobilization and healthy public policy development from a social inclusion perspective, and to implement, document, and disseminate learning from the projects. • The online guide to Social Policy in Ontario: a site designed as a tool for public reporting about social programs in Ontario and aims to promote informed critical analysis, and public participation in the development, assessment, and enhancement of social programs.
Sources of funding	Network of Social Planning Councils that are primarily funded by municipalities and United Ways
Scope	Ontario
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Web	http://www.spno.ca/

Name of initiative	Strong Neighbourhoods Task Force (Toronto)
Mandate	A year-long initiative to help build stronger neighbourhoods. It responds to the Toronto City Summit Alliance's 2003 report, Enough Talk that recommends funding and services for Toronto neighbourhoods. It also builds on the work of the City of Toronto and United Way of Greater Toronto.
Focus regarding communities agenda	The Task Force focuses on broad neighbourhood issues and long-term, multi-pronged solutions.
Activities	The Strong Neighbourhoods Task Force will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build an action plan for strong neighbourhoods in Toronto • Address poverty, underemployment, integrating new immigrants and a critical lack of services • Identify community investment models to leverage and coordinate resources from all three levels of government • Develop tools to determine neighbourhood assets and challenges towards enhancing quality of life in our city • Advocate for change
Sources of funding	The Task Force is a joint initiative of the City of Toronto and United Way of Greater Toronto with support from the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario.
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Name of initiative	Tamarack: An Institute for Community Engagement
Mandate	Tamarack engages citizens in inspired action as they work and learn together on behalf of their communities to create and realize bold visions for the future.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Tamarack is dedicated to helping Canadian communities take ownership of local issues by making use of proven strategies for community engagement. Community Engagement is commonly defined as citizens from different sectors of a community joining together taking leadership, to address issues that affect them all. Through work with local organizations, Tamarack seeks out and encourages committed citizens to build communities that are caring, prosperous and healthy. Citizens in these communities work together in a comprehensive, collaborative manner on projects that create effective systems and structures and result in good opportunities, good government, a clean environment, creative education, and peace for all people
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open services: web-based learning, e-newsletters, tele-learning, resources, workshops online, the Learning Community. • Custom services: coaching, research and resource development, building communities of learning, and presentations & workshops.
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Name of initiative	The Canadian Social Economy Hub (CSEHub)
Mandate	The Canadian Social Economy Hub (CSEHub) acts as a facilitator promoting collaboration among six regional research centres across Canada (Québec, Atlantic, Southern Ontario, Prairies, Alberta, BC and the North), and creating opportunities and exchanges with international networks. CSEHub reaches out to practitioners, to researchers and to civil society, through the regional research centres and their community partners. It undertakes research as needed in order to understand and promote the Social Economy tradition within Canada and as a subject of academic enquiry within universities.
Focus regarding communities agenda	CSEHub seeks to better understand how approaches of the Social Economy can be effectively applied so that community organizations, civil society, community developers, and researchers can collaborate to empower groups and communities to meet their social and economic needs.
Activities	CSEHub is developing a database and communication system to promote awareness and understanding of the Canadian Social Economy and to advance research and teaching programmes. It will address public policy issues through research papers aimed at public servants, politicians and civil society.
Sources of funding	Funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, support from the University of Victoria and Canadian Community Economic Development Network
Scope	Regional, national, international
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Name of initiative	The Community Services Council of Newfoundland and Labrador
Mandate	An independent organization promoting social and economic well-being. The mission of CSC is to encourage citizen engagement, to promote the integration of social and economic development and to provide leadership in shaping public policies.
Focus regarding communities agenda	The goal of CSC is a prosperous and inclusive society that supports individuals, families and communities.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Service Component - a career-related employment program for post-secondary students • Volunteer Centre • Voluntary Gateway - a pan-Canadian portal that helps voluntary organizations build stronger, healthier and more vibrant communities by making it easier to communicate, network and share information. <p>Research Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community University Research Alliance - combines the strengths of academic and community-based researchers to assess policy shifts and approaches to new models of governance and service delivery • Expanding Their Universe - aims to address the importance of social inclusion in the lives of all school aged children and their families • Leadership Gap - explored the nature of leadership and volunteer service amongst people residing in Newfoundland & Labrador • Surveys of various individuals and voluntary organizations in communities around the province • Technical Support Assessment - needs assessment of voluntary organizations throughout Newfoundland and Labrador • Values Added Forum 2000 - leaders from more than 60 voluntary organizations across the province gathered for a provincial forum hosted by the Community Services Council Newfoundland and Labrador
Sources of funding	Government of Canada, donations
Scope	Newfoundland and Labrador
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Name of initiative	The Québec World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Center on the Development of Healthy Cities and Towns
Mandate	As all WHO collaborating Centers, this one purports to advise and help the WHO in the planning and implementation of its five-year workplans. The international Healthy Cities movement is a vehicle to stimulate health promotion activities at the local level pursuing the target of "Health for All in the year 2000".
Focus regarding communities agenda	According to the inventors of the concept,"(...) a healthy city is one that is continually creating and improving those physical and social environments and expanding those community resources which enable people to mutually support each other in performing all the functions of life and in developing to their maximum potential " It is thus a municipality where local decision makers put an emphasis on health, broadly defined in terms of quality of life, by organizing various activities where the commitment of the municipal political structure, intersectoral involvement and the participation of citizens are key elements.
Activities	Help to enlarge the networks of circulation of information on Healthy cities at the international, national and local levels; develop individual or group training activities in relation to healthy cities indicators, strategies, approaches and methods; partake in a North-South partnership for the development of pre-graduate and graduate training programs in health promotion; and conduct research projects to validate training and communication materials, indicators as well as activities of community participation.
Sources of funding	Joint venture between the research and intervention group in health promotion at Laval University, and a multi-faculty group attached to the Faculty of Nursing at Laval University
Scope	National and International
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Name of initiative	United Way of Canada – Centraide Canada
Mandate	<p>To improve lives and build community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energize and inspire people to make a difference • Provide meaningful opportunities for individuals to realise their potential by demonstrating volunteer leadership in service to community • Reflect the diversity of the communities we serve • Craft human care agendas within and across our communities • Build coalitions around agendas • Increase investments in agendas by expanding and diversifying our own resource development and fundraising efforts and supporting those of others • Ensure investments have recognizable impact • Strengthen the UW-C Movement, building on individual and collective strengths and abilities of autonomous, local UW-Cs.
Focus regarding communities agenda	<p>Community Impact is the mobilization of collective action to create measurable, cumulative lasting change that improves lives and builds resilient communities. Across Canada, United Ways - Centraides are having an impact in their communities</p>
Activities	<p>Each of Canada's 123 United Ways – Centraides is an autonomous organization operated by a voluntary Board of Directors chosen from the community it serves. They are built upon a long history of bringing together diverse partners at the local level to initiate action on community issues and problems. While approaches and practices may differ across the country, in general, United Ways - Centraides strengthen communities by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • convening human and social service agencies at the community and neighbourhood level with governments, businesses and labour and facilitating discussions around assets, needs and priorities; • pooling and leveraging resources by building partnerships and collaborations; • providing training, learning and professional development opportunities for voluntary sector organizations in leadership and governance; and, • delivering national programs such as 211®, Day of Caring®, early years development, etc.
Sources of funding	Local United Ways carry out annual campaigns and pay membership fees to United Way of Canada
Scope	There local United Ways/Centraides in 123 communities across Canada
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Name of initiative	Vibrant Communities
Mandate	To create and grow a movement of diverse leaders and communities from across Canada who are committed to exploring, challenging and testing ways to unleash the potential of communities to substantially reduce poverty and ensure a good quality of life for all citizens.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Vibrant Communities is a community-driven effort to reduce poverty in Canada by creating partnerships that make use of our most valuable assets – people, organizations, businesses and governments. Vibrant Communities links up to 15 communities from British Columbia to Newfoundland in a collective effort to test the most effective ways to reduce poverty at the grassroots level.
Activities	We concentrate on four key approaches: comprehensive local initiatives aimed at poverty reduction; grassroots collaboration involving all sectors of the community in these initiatives; identifying community assets and putting them to good use in poverty-reduction efforts; a commitment to learning, change and sharing our learnings – whether they are the product of our successes or failures.
Sources of funding	The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation, the Caledon Institute of Social Policy, and Tamarack – An Institute for Community Engagement.
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Name of initiative	Atkinson Charitable Foundation, The Canadian Index of Wellbeing (CIW)
Mandate	To provide Canadians with a clear, valid, and regular accounting of the things that matter to them and to the genuine progress of Canada. We want to create a new tool that will account honestly and accurately for changes in our human, social, economic and natural wealth.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Through the CIW, we seek to help foster a common vision for the future of Canada, one that can be used as a basis for improving the health and wellbeing outcomes that matter to Canadians. The CIW will be built around powerful indicators that count and measure the extent to which we are realizing our values and goals as a society and whether we are leaving the world a better place for our children.
Activities	<p>The objectives of the Canadian Institute for Wellbeing include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing research and development on indicators; • Sponsorship of research and dissemination of findings; • Developing and maintaining an effective national and international network of researchers, policy experts and community, regional, provincial, and federal stakeholders. <p>The team is developing a set of indicators that will monitor progress in seven areas, or domains.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Standards • Time Allocation • Healthy Populations • Ecosystem Health • Educated Populace • Community Vitality • Civic Engagement
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Name of initiative	Caledon Institute of Social Policy
Mandate	Underlying Caledon's work is the quest for a new architecture of social policy – for cost-effective solutions to the difficult problems created by our aging population, insecure labour market and rapid pace of social change. Caledon believes passionately in the enduring need for strong social policy to fight poverty, ensure social and economic security and achieve social justice. But Caledon also believes that fundamental changes in the economy and society demand equally fundamental reforms to social programs. A strong economy requires strong social policy and <i>vice versa</i> . Caledon emphasizes the vital links between social and economic policy, and its proposals are based on what can be achieved.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Caledon's work covers a broad range of social policy areas including income security, community capacity-building, taxation, social spending, employment development services, social services, disability supports and health.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rigorous, high-quality research and analysis • Seeks to inform and influence public opinion and to foster public discussion on poverty and social policy • Develops and promotes concrete, practicable proposals for the reform of social programs at all levels of government and of social benefits provided by employers and the voluntary sector • Produces brief commentaries and both popular and technical reports and books; contributes articles to the op ed pages of major newspapers, to journals and to books • Publishes papers and commentaries written by other leading thinkers in the fields of social and economic policy • Comments frequently in the media on social policy issues
Sources of funding	Maytree Foundation, charitable donations, contract projects for governments and nongovernmental organizations on the basis that such work advances Caledon's research agenda.
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Name of initiative	Canadian Institute for Health Information, Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI)
Mandate	The mission of the Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI) is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to foster a better understanding of factors that affect the health of individuals and communities • to contribute to the development of policies that reduce inequities and improve the health and well-being of Canadians
Focus regarding communities agenda	CPHI has a focus on place & health theme. Explores modifiable attributes of both the natural and built environments that may have an impact on health.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides analysis of Canadian and international population health evidence to inform policies that improve the health of Canadians • Commissions research and builds research partnerships to enhance understanding of research findings and to promote analysis of strategies that improve population health • Synthesizes evidence about policy experiences, analyzes evidence on the effectiveness of policy initiatives and develops policy options • Works to improve public knowledge and understanding of the determinants that affect individual and community health and well-being • Works within the Canadian Institute for Health Information to contribute to improvements in Canada's health system and the health of Canadians <p>CPHI works to advance population health understanding by concentrating on the following four complementary functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge generation and synthesis • Policy synthesis and analysis • Knowledge transfer and reporting • Knowledge exchange
Sources of funding	CIHI is a not-for-profit organization, primarily funded through bilateral funding agreements with federal and provincial/territorial ministries of health and individual care institutions. CIHI also receives additional funding for specific projects. A small portion of its revenue is generated through the sale of products and services.
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Name of initiative	Canadian Urban Institute
Mandate	The Canadian Urban Institute (CUI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in urban areas in Canada and internationally. As an independent body the Institute meets the need for a think-tank committed to improving policy making, governance and management in urban regions by encouraging a better understanding of contemporary urban issues among business, government and other key institutions.
Focus regarding communities agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fosters debate among Canadian leaders and corporate bodies regarding the challenges faced by urbanization. • Is actively involved in applied research projects both in Canada and abroad aimed at promoting excellence in governance and management of urban regions. • Provides an effective conduit for the flow of invaluable industry-related information to the larger community. • Is committed to delivering a high level of consulting services and networking opportunities to our membership.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenes conferences, workshops and seminars that introduce cutting edge urban issues/solutions to decision-makers and urban practitioners and promote dialogue and the exchange of ideas. • Provides facilitation and consultation services on complex city building initiatives for a number of municipalities and municipal organizations. • Co-operative project development and long-term, results-based management.
Sources of funding	Membership fees
Scope	International, national
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Name of initiative	Canada West Foundation
Mandate	A leading source of strategic insight, conducting and communicating non-partisan economic and public policy research of importance to the four western provinces, the territories, and all Canadians.
Focus regarding communities agenda	The NEXT West Project is engaging a wide variety of western Canadians to generate and debate the public policy strategies best able to promote economic prosperity and quality of life in the region over the long-term; the Western Cities Project seeks to understand the issues that must be addressed for our cities to reach their potential and compete with the great cities of world and provide decision-makers and the public with timely and accessible information about urban issues and putting forward practical recommendations for addressing urban public policy challenges since 2000
Activities	Canada West Foundation conducts research on a broad range of social, economic and public policy issues of importance to western Canadians.
Sources of funding	Donations, investments, assets, publication sales, endowment
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Name of initiative	Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
Mandate	Independent, non-partisan research institute concerned with issues of social and economic justice
Focus regarding communities agenda	Research is focused on local issues such as homelessness and housing, inner-city communities, community economic development, impact of policy on communities and municipalities, community renewal, etc.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By combining solid research with extensive outreach, we work to enrich democratic dialogue and ensure Canadians know there are workable solutions to the issues we face. • The CCPA offers analysis and policy ideas to the media, general public, social justice and labour organizations, academia and government. • We produce research studies, policy briefs, books, editorials and commentary, and other publications, including The Monitor, a monthly magazine.
Sources of funding	Membership fees, donations
Scope	Local, national, international
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Name of initiative	Canadian Council on Social Development
Mandate	A non-profit social policy and research organization focusing on issues such as poverty, social inclusion, disability, cultural diversity, child well-being, employment and housing.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Our mission is to develop and promote progressive social policies inspired by social justice, equality and the empowerment of individuals and communities.
Activities	Research, consultation, public education and advocacy
Sources of funding	Research contracts, the sale of publications and memberships, and donations
Scope	National
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Name of initiative	Canadian Policy Research Network
Mandate	CPRN's mission is to create knowledge and lead public dialogue and debate on social and economic issues important to the well-being of Canadians. Our goal is to help make Canada a more just, prosperous, and caring society.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Family Network - Cities and Communities stream: To help Canada and Canadians make the transition to the new economics and politics of space the Family Network will initially focus on two major themes: the intersection of social and economic policy in local spaces; and issues of citizenship and governance in cities and city-regions.
Activities	Research, networking and dissemination, and providing a valued neutral space within which an open dialogue among all interested parties can take place.
Sources of funding	Federal and provincial governments, foundations, corporations, unions and private individuals.
Scope	National
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Name of initiative	Carleton Centre for Urban and Rural Education (CURE) Network
Mandate	The Carleton Urban Research and Education (CURE) Network brings together researchers from a wide range of disciplines who share an interest in municipal and urban affairs and carrying out collaborative research.
Focus regarding communities agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community governance, • citizen engagement, and • local capacity building around planning for infrastructure to support social, economic, and environmental sustainability.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Study on the impact of Gas Tax Allocations • Round Table Discussions among researchers from various disciplines <p>To-date, the CURE Network has provided research and evaluation support to the City of Ottawa in the following key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backgrounder on Neighbourhood Development Evaluation Tools and Models • Multi-Stakeholders Design Workshop • Research Papers • Two Baseline Surveys
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Name of initiative	Centre for Sustainable Community Development
Mandate	Our mandate is to serve communities by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stimulating the study of SCD in BC and elsewhere • Collecting and providing information about SCD within and outside the province • Carrying out projects on SCD in partnership with communities and agencies outside the university • Facilitating effective use of the university's resources (people and departments) in responding to requests for assistance on SCD problems • Creating opportunities for professional development experience and programs for SCD practitioners and establishing working relations with similar centers internationally, particularly in developing countries
Focus regarding communities agenda	The Centre uses the resources and talents of the University to teach and encourage accountable and sustainable community development (SCD).
Activities	The Centre administers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Certificate Program for CED Professionals • An Undergraduate Certificate in Sustainability Community Development • A Post-Baccalaureate CED Diploma Program <p>We also conduct research on understanding the mechanisms of sustainable development, participate in outreach and develop publications.</p>
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Name of initiative	Community-University Institute for Social Research
Mandate	To build the capacity of researchers, community-based organizations and citizenry to enhance community quality of life.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Committed to conducting neighbourhood based quality of life research in Saskatoon since 2000. Since 2001, every three years comprehensive quality of life studies have been conducted (surveys, in-depth interviews, focus groups) with active engagement of the community.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build capacity within CBO's to conduct their own applied social research. • Serve as a conduit for transfer of experimentally-based knowledge from the community to the university classroom. • Provide CBO's with assistance in survey design, data analysis, etc. • Serve as a data warehouse for community based and applied social research findings.
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Scope	Community
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Name of initiative	Concordia University's Institute in Management and Community Development
Mandate	Created through a collaborative effort with community-based groups and supports the building of democratic community structures and innovative programming that respond to challenging social justice issues facing communities.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Through the Institute's creation of learning spaces, staff and volunteers from community-based groups, academics, funders, and decision-makers are encouraged to share and explore ways of promoting citizen engagement, building alternative economic visions and developing strategies for environmental activism.
Activities	The programs of the Institute include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Summer Program in Non-Profit Management and Community Development • Resident Resource Person Program • Leadership and Capacity Building • Fundraising for Social Change • University of the Streets Café Program • Graduate Diploma Program in Community Economic Development
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Scope	Community
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Name of initiative	Dalhousie University - School of Planning - Cities and Environment Unit
Mandate	CEU provides a service function, helping the School serve the needs of the community for affordable help with planning and design projects. Its aim is to assist urban and rural communities develop strategies and designs that address local challenges and opportunities.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Work conducted by the Unit is project-based and focused on community development. Projects include physical, social, and economic strategies to improve the community and build its capacity to develop and act on local solutions. In all of our projects, particular emphasis is placed on actively working with communities to develop their dreams and ideas. Our belief that real change comes from the empowerment of community members is reflected in our uniquely community-based approach to all projects. Only through awareness, understanding and capacity building can real tangible results be achieved.
Activities	<p>This is achieved through practical research that is specific to the local context, but informed by a global view. The Unit provides a link between planning practice and education, and seeks to provide direct involvement of Dalhousie students through work terms, volunteer projects, and directed studies supervision.</p> <p>The Unit has three Action Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create community plans • Generate new knowledge, approaches and tools for community design • Inspire communities to become great places to live <p>Projects include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-based Conservation Management (CBCM) • Windsor: Thinking Ahead • Antigonish Nature-based Tourism Development Plan • Future Possibilities for the North Shore • Tourism and Community Development • First Nations Community Planning Project • Wagmatcook Community Development Plan • New Waterford Downtown Revitalization • Community Work in The Gambia • Principles in Practice: Vietnam and The Philippines • ONE Change Community Planning Charette: Saint John, NB • Community Planning Education in India
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Name of initiative	J.W. McConnell Foundation
Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our vision at The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation is a Canada where all people have the opportunity to develop their potential and contribute to the betterment of their communities and country. • The Foundation is a private family foundation that funds initiatives of national significance which address challenges for Canadian society by engaging people, by building resilient communities, and by developing a strong knowledge base for the work that the Foundation supports.
Focus regarding communities agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating Resilient Communities grants: environmental sustainability, engaging youth, inclusiveness, innovation, people with disabilities. • Encouraging Active Citizenship grants: encouraging Canadians to participate in building their communities
Activities	Seeks to improve quality of life by building communities that help people to develop their talents and contribute to the common good through the granting of funds.
Sources of funding	Endowment fund
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Name of initiative	Renaissance College - University of New Brunswick
Mandate	Renaissance College is the University of New Brunswick's creative response to the need to educate leaders for the new millennium. Our hope for a more civil society lies in our youth and UNB continues to mobilize its intellectual resources to help students make a positive difference in the world.
Focus regarding communities agenda	We feel a sense of responsibility for building a just, good, and civil society, at all levels. We commit to engaging in local, national, and global communities through critical thought, inclusive dialogue, and direct action. Through community events and social interaction we forge meaningful interpersonal relationships. These relationships create a support network that guides students through their academic and experiential endeavours.
Activities	Renaissance College combines an interdisciplinary undergraduate curriculum with internships in the global community and hands-on research projects on social issues and public policy
Sources of funding	University of New Brunswick
Scope	Local, national, international
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Name of initiative	The Laidlaw Foundation
Mandate	An inclusive society that values and supports young people in becoming fully engaged in the civic, social, economic, and cultural life of diverse and environmentally healthy communities.
Focus regarding communities agenda	The Inclusive Communities for Children, Youth and Families Pilot Program (ICCYF) is focused on the development of inclusive communities in the cities and where children and their families experience various forms of exclusion.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides grants to organizations and individuals in the field of the arts and the environment, and more recently to those working in youth engagement and social inclusion. • Strategic focus aimed at enhancing the well-being of young people. • The Foundation has four program areas – arts, environmental health, youth engagement, and inclusive communities. <p>The Foundation also seeks to affect social change that improves the lives young people through other roles by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convening leaders in an effort to develop strategic and responsive approaches that will influence policy decisions and leverage additional investment to support young people • Seeking out opportunities to foster youth leadership and a strengthened voice for young people in society • Increasing collaborative efforts, both internally and with external partners, to make strategic funding and program decisions • Increasing our capacity to understand, and share, the learnings gathered through our work through interactive communications strategies
Sources of funding	Endowment
Scope	Local and national
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Name of initiative	Linking, Learning, Leveraging: Social Enterprises, Knowledgeable Economies and Sustainable Communities
Mandate	“Linking Learning Leveraging” is a five-year research initiative that will essentially investigate how social economy enterprises help build more respectful relationships within communities, with the environment, and among stakeholders.
Focus regarding communities agenda	The social economy refers to those enterprises and organizations that use the tools and some of the methods of business, on a not-for-profit basis, to provide social, cultural, economic and health services to communities that need them. More broadly, the social economy provides goods and services to the wider community as part of a commitment to sustainable development as demonstrated, for example, by the large number of social economy enterprises involved in fair trade and socially responsible production.
Activities	The research will focus on five areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social enterprise/organization development • Financing strategies for social enterprise/organization development • Governance of social-economy enterprises/organizations • Measuring and mapping the social economy • Developing policy frameworks for the social economy
Sources of funding	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
Scope	Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Northern Ontario
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Name of initiative	The Maytree Foundation
Mandate	The Maytree Foundation was established in 1982 to combat systemic poverty in Canada. Maytree views immigration and urbanization as powerful elements in the Canadian landscape, and works to accelerate the settlement of refugees and immigrants in large urban centres. Maytree also works to strengthen the vibrancy of civil society by supporting the development of strong leaders and organizations. We believe that government must be a vital partner in creating community solutions and building an equitable society. We also believe that public policy can provide the leverage of scale and power to address systemic social problems and so we work with governments, organizations and individuals to propose 'policy ready' solutions.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Guided by the principle that communities have the potential to resolve their own problems
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes grants to charitable organizations in order to support and sustain important capacity building and solution-seeking efforts for community issues and problems • Provides loans and scholarships to skilled immigrants and refugees for training and post-secondary pursuits • Supports and operates learning and leadership opportunities that empower communities to solve their problems • Collaborates and convenes to find effective solutions as it brings people together with knowledge and differing perspectives
Sources of funding	Unknown
Scope	Local and national
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Name of initiative	The Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia
Mandate	Works to build a just and healthy society for all. SPARC BC is a non-partisan, independent charitable organization that conducts public education and research on key social issues.
Focus regarding communities agenda	SPARC BC has extensive experience in community development research, advocacy, and education. We have a broad network of connections to other social planning organizations in the province and expert knowledge of community development. As an organization, SPARC BC also has extensive experience in fundraising, social enterprise, and non-profit management. SPARC BC undertakes a wide variety of initiatives and research projects through our Research & Consulting Department, as well as significant community development work as part of our core, non-profit activities.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducts public education, research, and advocacy on priority issues, particularly in the areas of income security, accessibility, and community development. • Administers the Parking Permit Program for People with Disabilities • Provides research and consulting services to communities, organizations, and governments on a fee-for-service basis • Publishes a quarterly newsmagazine, SPARC BC News, and a wide variety of reports, handbooks, and information sheets on social and economic issues of concern to our communities.
Sources of funding	Membership fees, donations
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Name of initiative	Tamarack: An Institute for Community Engagement
Mandate	Tamarack engages citizens in inspired action as they work and learn together on behalf of their communities to create and realize bold visions for the future.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Tamarack is dedicated to helping Canadian communities take ownership of local issues by making use of proven strategies for community engagement. Community Engagement is commonly defined as citizens from different sectors of a community joining together taking leadership, to address issues that affect them all. Through work with local organizations, Tamarack seeks out and encourages committed citizens to build communities that are caring, prosperous and healthy. Citizens in these communities work together in a comprehensive, collaborative manner on projects that create effective systems and structures and result in good opportunities, good government, a clean environment, creative education, and peace for all people
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open services: web-based learning, e-newsletters, tele-learning, resources, workshops online, the Learning Community. • Custom services: coaching, research and resource development, building communities of learning, and presentations & workshops.
Sources of funding	The Maytree Foundation
Scope	National
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Name of initiative	University of Northern British Columbia - Community Development Institute
Mandate	The mission of the Community Development Institute at UNBC is to support the research, information, and development needs of Northern BC's rural and small town communities as they adjust to change in the new economy.
Focus regarding communities agenda	The Community Development Institute at UNBC is interested in the issues of community capacity and community development. The Community Development Institute at UNBC is interested in two fundamental issues for communities in northern BC: community capacity and community development. By undertaking research, sharing information, and supporting education outreach, the Institute is becoming a vital partner to communities interesting in making informed decisions about their own futures.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resource centre to which communities and decision-makers can turn in their search for timely and relevant information\ • A conduit through which information from outside the region is shared with communities. • Coordinates broader regional research to understand and energize community development. • Focuses upon both applied and basic research that maintains academic credibility and is of practical relevance to communities • Performs outreach which builds upon a strong "extension" tradition to connect research and training opportunities with community needs and to translate best practices and leading scholarship into applied tools for rural and small town places • Provides education which creates community capacity through a close connection between the university curriculum, opportunities under continuing education and regional offerings, and connections with the northern colleges and with specialized centres for delivery of education and training programs. • Emphasizes capacity building, collaboration, complementarity, and classroom/Community Service Learning.
Sources of funding	UNBC
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Name of initiative	University of Toronto - Centre for Urban and Community Studies
Mandate	The Centre exists to: bring together faculty, professionals, and graduate students interested in urban development, policy issues and the quality of life in cities; encourage interdisciplinary scholarly research on urban issues; support this research by providing academic staff and students with space, access to services and information, opportunities for collaboration, seminars and conferences, and graduate research internships; disseminate ideas related to urban and community studies to other researchers and to agencies and organizations interested in urban matters by publishing books, reports, bibliographies, and research bulletins; and improve communications among researchers and between researchers and the broader urban community.
Focus regarding communities agenda	The Centre for Urban and Community Studies promotes and disseminates multidisciplinary research and policy analysis on urban issues.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Centre's activities are intended to contribute to scholarship on questions relating to the social and economic well-being of people who live and work in urban areas large and small, in Canada and around the world. <p>Research Projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Change & Building Inclusive Communities • Immigrants, Discrimination and Homelessness • Homelessness, Crime & the Criminal Justice System • Multidimensional Impacts of Adequate Housing • Family, Social Structure & Health Impacts in India • Aging and Homelessness • The Liveable City: Governance in Tokyo & Toronto • Immigrants in the Global Economy • Rental Housing & Salvadorean Refugees in Toronto. <p>The Community / University Research unit promotes the exchange of knowledge between the university and community agencies and associations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Greater Toronto Urban Observatory (GTUO) monitors and evaluates regional urban conditions and trends • Urban Affairs e-library • Collaborative Master's Program in Community Development
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Scope	Local, national, international
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Name of initiative	University of Winnipeg - Institute of Urban Studies
Mandate	The Institute of Urban Studies is an independent research arm of the University of Winnipeg. Since 1969 IUS has been both an academic and an applied research centre, committed to examining urban development issues in a broad, non-partisan manner.
Focus regarding communities agenda	The Institute examines inner city, environmental, Aboriginal and community development issues.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to its ongoing involvement in research, IUS brings in visiting scholars, hosts workshops, seminars and conferences, and acts in partnership with other organizations in the community to affect positive change. <p>Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey Construction and Analysis • Data Base Development • Community Needs Assessment • Retail Market Analysis • Housing Market Assessment • Trend Analysis • Cost Benefit Analysis • Community Consultation and Consensus Building • Program/Policy Development and Evaluation • Literature Search and Review and Compilation and Production of Annotated Bibliographies <p>Areas of expertise include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Studies • Homelessness • Neighbourhood Change • Program Evaluation • Urban Aboriginal Issues • Socio-economic and Demographic Analysis • Municipal Government/Finance • Planning and Policy Analysis • Social Policy • Sustainable Urban Development and Northern Issues
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Name of initiative	University of Winnipeg - Institute of Urban Studies - The Winnipeg Inner-City Research Alliance
Mandate	WIRA was formed to promote the development of sustainable inner-city neighbourhoods by fostering innovative research, training and related activities that work toward the social, cultural and economic development of Winnipeg's inner city communities.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Addresses a wide range of topics, including housing, community development, cross-cultural approaches to education, child and youth issues, health and economic development, while drawing people together to build partnerships, build ideas, and strengthen community capacity. Although the focus is on Winnipeg's inner city, this type of research is relevant to many other Canadian cities as well.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIRA is committed to fostering innovative research, training and related activities that work toward the social, cultural and economic development of Winnipeg's inner city communities. • WIRA pairs community groups with established researchers to undertake action-oriented research that meets community needs. • The initiative draws on the resources and expertise of the local community, including a diverse range of community-based organizations, academics and researchers, and policy makers. • Under the program, all community stakeholders work together to identify and address key issues in the inner city. • The initiative funds a number of community-based research projects that will ultimately improve the quality of life in the inner city.
Sources of funding	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's CURA grant program. The three-year grant includes a substantial contribution from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's (CMHC) Sustainable Housing supplement.
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Name of initiative	University of Winnipeg - Institute of Urban Studies - The Canada Research Chairs Program
Mandate	The three broad objectives of the seven-year research program are: to develop a better understanding of the processes of urban decline, to evaluate the effectiveness of initiatives introduced to arrest decline, and to suggest more effective policy and program tools to restore vitality and improve the quality of life in declining neighbourhoods.
Focus regarding communities agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Involves: Comprehensive field studies and program and policy analyses to examine and understand all of the factors that lead to the social, economic and physical decline of a community. • Research Relevance: Improved understanding provides the basis for developing workable solutions of revitalization. The three main objectives of Dr. Carter's seven-year research program are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop a better understanding of the processes of urban decline • To evaluate the effectiveness of initiatives introduced to arrest decline • To inform the policy process and suggest more effective policy and program tools to restore vitality and improve the quality of life in declining neighbourhoods • The program will use a cumulative approach working progressively from broad initiatives to more specific, focused areas of research.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on a broad number of issues such as regional growth strategies, housing need, challenges facing Aboriginals in Winnipeg, and revitalizing Winnipeg's central business district. • Comparative study material from other cities in Canada and abroad. • The findings of the program will be published in a series of publications, research highlights and commentaries.
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Scope	National
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Name of initiative	Urban Ecology Centre
Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SODECM's mandate is to promote social ecology in the neighbourhoods of Montreal, as well as the city and island as a whole by making known and advancing programs for change through sustainable development and the basic alternatives to current city life through insights and programmatic alternatives offered by urban ecology. • The goal of the Urban Ecology Centre is to build and share expertise concerning the most viable approaches to sustainable urban development and how they may best be implemented in our neighbourhoods and city.
Focus regarding communities agenda	SODECM has made it their priority to continuously emphasize the need for an overview, for a global approach, for an ecological perspective which in an ongoing manner relates the parts to the whole and our overall goals to concrete community development.
Activities	Urban Ecology Centre; Place Publique - a community newspaper; Groupe ressources en Éco-design; Municipal Democracy & Citizenship Project
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Name of initiative	Neighbourhoods Alive!
Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Manitoba Government created Neighbourhoods Alive! to provide community organizations in designated neighbourhoods with the support they need to rebuild these neighbourhoods. • 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 a number of key areas including: housing and physical improvements; employment and training; education and recreation; and safety and crime prevention.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Neighbourhoods Alive! works with residents; community groups; schools; businesses; and other local organizations to build on the existing strengths and experiences of communities, and take into account the distinctive needs, conditions and priorities of individual neighbourhoods.
Activities	<p>Under the coordination of the Neighbourhoods Alive! initiative, organizations can access funding and other resources that support neighbourhood revitalization efforts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Renewal Fund • Neighbourhood Development Assistance • Neighbourhood Housing Assistance <p>Other resources under Neighbourhoods Alive! include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Initiatives Program • Lighthouses and Training Initiatives
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Name of initiative	Neighbourhood Planning Initiative (City of Ottawa)
Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This project gives citizens an active role in determining the future of their neighbourhood. Citizens, business owners, property owners, community groups, and other stakeholders collectively form partnerships with the City to assess their neighbourhoods' strengths and weaknesses and develop strategies to improve the social, economic and physical infrastructure of their community.
Focus regarding communities agenda	<p>This initiative is a two year pilot project approved by city council in May 2006. It focuses its agenda in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research • Neighbourhood Meeting • Establishing a Neighbourhood-Based Steering Committee • Identify Neighbourhood Stakeholder • Assessing the Community • Creating a Community Vision • Identifying Issues and Establishing Goals • Preparation and Approval of the Neighbourhood Plan • Turning Plans into Reality • Neighbourhood Planning – A Continuous Process
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting a review of best practices in neighbourhood planning to facilitate development of a methodology for Neighbourhood Planning (completed). • Including in any major policy or program report, a section identifying how the matter at hand supports a neighbourhood planning approach. For example: demonstrating discussion/collaboration/ consultation with other departments • Regular senior staff meetings by large-area geography (6 to 8 regions) to ensure planning for significant capital and program investment is done jointly, or at least with full awareness of issues and opportunities • Coordinating significant consultation exercises by the City in the community to reduce duplication • establishing and supporting a City-wide Stakeholders Advisory Committee to bring key agencies together with the City towards place-based approaches to delivering services and making capital investments; • developing “neighbourhood profiles” (led by PGM) – improved data collection and reporting on key indicators in each neighbourhood across the city; • aligning on-going Departmental activities such as Community Development strategies, Community Design Plans, etc., to maximize opportunities and reduce duplication of community consultations; • establishing regular interdepartmental meetings focused on specific regions of the City to ensure improved knowledge, awareness and understanding of local issues and initiatives, and cross-fertilization of ideas and partnerships; • improving internal mechanisms for planning capital infrastructure investments via the Long Range Financial Plan towards improved outcomes in the community.
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Name of initiative	Community and Neighbourhood Services (City of Calgary)
Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community & Neighbourhood Services is committed to being a leader in building individual and community capacity. We aim to contribute to personal well-being and enhance the quality of life for Calgarians.
Focus regarding communities agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring the availability of a broad range of social programs and recreational opportunities that are accessible to all Calgarians; encouraging the development and support of partnerships and cooperative relationships; facilitating the development and sustainability of community based organizations; mobilizing individuals and communities to promote community caring and responsibility for individual and community well-being; leveraging and aligning our resources in areas of greatest need; and providing public information, education, referral and advocacy
Activities	<p>Community Social Workers, Recreation Coordinators and Program Specialists work with their community partners to ensure the development and availability of a continuum of social and recreation services for all Calgarians. Working from satellite offices in all regions of Calgary, neighbourhood service teams have been established to better respond to specific needs within the community.</p> <p>The following broad services are offered by staff in each of the Area offices of Neighbourhood Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Liaison Assessment & Evaluation Social Development Recreation Development Youth Development Special Events
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Scope	City of Calgary
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Fax	
Email	
Web	http://content.calgary.ca/CCA/City+Hall/Business+Units/Community+and+Neighbourhood+Services/index.htm

Name of initiative	Neighbourhood Matching Fund (City of Vancouver)
Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Neighbourhood Matching Fund is a program providing support for projects involving people in a way that promotes the development of community and builds neighbourhood connections
Focus regarding communities agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This initiative provides funds to groups who want to improve and develop parks and facilities on park land. Donations of time, money and/or materials, equal to the amount requested from the Neighbourhood Matching Fund must be provided by the community. This is known as the "match".
Activities	<p>Projects will be considered based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a focus on the building of a sense of community and the demonstration of neighbourhood support; public benefit/accessibility; widespread community participation in the process (work parties, design workshops, neighbourhood planning meetings, etc.); a physical improvement; and ongoing contribution (upon project completion) to building connections between people in the neighbourhood. <p>Program eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> project must be on Park Board land or on other public property assuming appropriate permission; large developments which are seeking funding must apply them to a specific identifiable element with which the community building process can be associated; projects which have other committed Park Board funding are eligible for a maximum of \$5,000 and will only be considered second to projects with no Park Board funding; and up to 10% of the Neighbourhood Matching Fund allocation for each project may be used to fund a community development worker to assist in engaging neighbourhood residents.
Sources of funding	City of Vancouver
Scope	City of Vancouver
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Name of initiative	Nova Scotia Association of Regional Development Authorities
Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Nova Scotia Association of Regional Development Authorities - or NSARDA - is the link between the Nova Scotia RDAs, providing support and collective strength. Since 1999, the NSARDA has helped the Nova Scotia RDAs in improving the economy of communities across Nova Scotia.
Focus regarding communities agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working in the diverse communities of Nova Scotia, located on Canada's east coast, the Nova Scotia Regional Development Authorities - or RDAs - are 13 community-based groups helping individual and community ventures succeed. From partnerships, to business advice, to government navigation, Nova Scotia RDAs are the first-stop in the road to successful communities. Nova Scotia RDAs initiatives, activities and services take place at the local community level and are shaped by the Nova Scotia Regional Community Development Act and individual work plans as outlined by Nova Scotia RDA board members.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Development Business Counseling Skills & Learning Regional Promotion Investment Recruitment Information & Research Sites & Premises Innovation
Sources of funding	
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Name of initiative	Saskatchewan Regional and Economic Co-operative Development – Neighbourhood Development Organizations
Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighbourhood Development Organizations (NDOs) are voluntary, non-government, legal entities that were established for the purpose of reducing poverty in the inner-city. Through the actions of its residents in these low-income neighbourhoods, NDOs provide a comprehensive response to community needs of social and economic security by working in partnership with municipalities, government departments, and other community agencies. The program is jointly coordinated by Saskatchewan Regional Economic and Co-operative Development and Saskatchewan Community Resources.
Focus regarding communities agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social and Economic Security
Activities	<p>These NDOs have developed key initiatives relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the improvement of housing in their communities, supporting a variety of community-based business and co-operative development projects, encouraged and supported the development of numerous co operative ventures, including worker co-ops for home renovations, day-care centres, and food co-operatives, Undertaken a number of employment and skills training initiatives to improve the social and economic well-being of their residents <p>There are currently four NDOs in Saskatchewan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quint Development Corporation in Saskatoon, River Bank Development Corporation in Prince Albert, Community Action Co-operative (Regina) Ltd. in Regina, and Connecting as Neighbours Co-operative in Moose Jaw
Sources of funding	
Scope	Saskatchewan
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Web	http://www.rd.gov.sk.ca/Community_Economic_Development/NDOs.asp

Name of initiative	Prince Edward Island Community Development Program
Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government is committed to healthy, sustainable communities. A new partnership with Island communities means government and citizens working together in a process to build on strengths and recognize needs. The hope is that all communities will take the opportunity to participate in this process.
Focus regarding communities agenda	<p>Residents will be assisted to develop a vision for the future of their community. They will then work together to identify priorities, focusing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • health, • environment, • education and • economic development.
Activities	<p>Any local organization can request the help of a community development officer. The officer will assist in determining if there is a willingness in the community to participate in the community development process.</p> <p>The community development officer will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conduct interviews with a wide range of local organizations • conduct "kitchen table" interviews with people in the community • If there is sufficient interest, the community will be assisted in holding a forum. • At that point, citizens can identify a community area and choose a group to spearhead the development process. <p>Through surveys and meetings, residents will develop an understanding of what's available in their community, what's needed - and how best to work together. This information will be used to develop a community profile and guide in making development decisions.</p> <p>Residents will be assisted to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop a vision for the future of their community • work together to identify priorities • develop a community's plan. • At this stage, the community knows who it is, what it can do and what it would like to achieve. Residents then begin to work together, using the resources they have identified, to improve and enhance their community.
Sources of funding	Prince Edward Island
Scope	Prince Edward Island
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Name of initiative	North West Territories Community Capacity Building Fund
Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government of the Northwest Territories has created the Community Capacity Building Fund to provide one-time funding of \$35 million, available from the federal government through the Northern Strategy, directly to communities to assist them with advancing their community capacity building priorities
Focus regarding communities agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities will be able to use funds to advance their community capacity building.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 33 communities are eligible to access the funding and will each receive a base amount of \$606,000 (for a total of \$20 million) as well as a per capita allocation (for a total of \$15 million). Applications for the Community Capacity Building Fund must be received by the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs by March 31, 2007.
Sources of funding	North West Territories
Scope	North West Territories
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Web	

Note: More information has been requested on the above initiative and will be forwarded when received.

Name of initiative	The Winnipeg Partnership Agreement
Mandate	Developed in collaboration with Winnipeg residents, the WPA ensures that the three levels of government offer a single access window that strengthens and supports long-term, sustainable community and economic development. The WPA's vision is for Winnipeg to be "A vibrant, prosperous and healthy city that values diversity and provides all of its citizens opportunities for full participation in the economy and society".
Focus regarding communities agenda	The WPA is, as a community, using community resources to revitalize its neighbourhoods and downtown core, supporting community-based solutions to the economic and social challenges of Aboriginal people living in Winnipeg, promoting innovative and technology-based initiatives that contribute to a better Winnipeg, and ensuring a healthy and vibrant Winnipeg where all citizens can access and contribute to a full range of economic and social opportunities.
Activities	As described in the Winnipeg Partnership Agreement's framework, the Agreement focuses on four core component programs: Aboriginal Participation; Building Sustainable Neighbourhoods; Downtown Renewal; and Supporting Innovation and Technology. To ensure the greatest possible flexibility and to enhance co-ordination and collaboration, each component program identifies broad objectives, potential approaches to achieving those objectives, and examples of projects that may be funded.
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Name of initiative	The Vancouver Agreement
Mandate	The Vancouver Agreement is an urban development initiative of the governments of Canada, British Columbia, and the City of Vancouver. The goals of the Vancouver Agreement are: to increase economic development in the Downtown Eastside, to improve the health of area residents, to increase public safety.
Focus regarding communities agenda	The agreement commits these government partners to work together, and with communities and business in Vancouver, on a coordinated strategy to promote and support sustainable economic, social and community development.
Activities	<p>The first focus of the Vancouver Agreement is to make the city's Downtown Eastside a vibrant place for people to live, work and visit.</p> <p>Four strategies, each involving a variety of innovative and collaborative projects, were developed to achieve the goals of the Agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic development and job creation • Dismantle the area's open-drug scene • Turn problem hotels, particularly those that offer single-room- occupancy housing, into safe, clean places to live • Make the community safer for the most vulnerable, particularly women, youth and children. <p>The Vancouver Agreement strategic plan is a living document that is refined over time to reflect current realities for residents and businesses in the Downtown Eastside.</p>
Sources of funding	Government of Canada, Government of British Columbia, and City of Vancouver
Scope	Vancouver
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Federal Government Departments

Department	Infrastructure Canada
Program and Mandate	<p>The External Advisory Committee on Cities and Communities (EACCC)'s mandate is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop a long-term vision on the role that cities and communities should play in sustaining Canada's quality of life; • provide advice as policies are developed related to cities and communities; • enrich the discussion of policy options by bringing regional and issue-specific expertise to the table; • advise the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities on how best to engage provincial, territorial and Aboriginal governments in moving forward on the Cities and Communities agenda; and • complement communications efforts and public activities carried out by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities.
Focus/Activities	<p>Report Tabled June 06</p> <p>Research Funding Program administered by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)</p>
Contact	www.infrastructure.gc.ca

Department	Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp
Program and Mandate	<p>Sustainable Community Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our goal is to encourage neighbourhood design and land use planning approaches that reduce costs and environmental impacts, while maintaining community liveability.
Focus/Activities	CMHC makes available best practices in design and development, tools for planners and designers, practical tips for your home and links to other research on sustainability.
Contact	www.cmhc-sch.gc.ca

Department	National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy
Program and Mandate	<p>The Urban Sustainability Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aimed to catalyze momentum toward alternative or more coherent strategies, based upon sustainable development principles, that improve the quality of life and competitiveness of Canada's cities or urban regions.
Focus/Activities	The program's findings included 11 high-priority recommendations for immediate implementation, falling under four mutually supportive themes: getting the federal house in order; supporting the use of urban transit; promoting sustainable infrastructure; and encouraging the efficient use of energy and land.
Contact	www.nrtee-trnee.ca

Department	Industry Canada
Program and Mandate	Community Futures Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FedNor is an initiative of the Government of Canada aiming to address the economic development needs of Northern Ontario. Working with numerous partners, and through its programs and services, FedNor helps fund community projects as well as other initiatives designed to improve the economic and social well-being of the North as a whole.
Focus/Activities	FedNor also focusses on special initiatives targeting Aboriginals, women, youth and the francophone community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through FedNor, Industry Canada's Community Futures Program supports 61 Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs) throughout Northern and rural Ontario. Under the program, CFDCs deliver a wide variety of programs and services to support community economic development and small business growth. Firm in the belief that communities themselves are best equipped to make decisions affecting their futures, the not-for-profit CFDCs employ local staff and are governed by a volunteer board of directors representing the community at large.
Contact	http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epid/internet/infednor-fednor.nsf/en/Home

Department	Public Health Agency of Canada
Program and Mandate	Healthy Living Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Healthy Living Strategy provides a conceptual framework for sustained action based on Healthy Living. It envisions a healthy nation in which all Canadians experience the conditions that support the attainment of good health
Focus/Activities	The Strategy offers a means to ensure greater alignment, coordination and direction for all sectors, and provides a forum for multiple players to align efforts and to work collaboratively to address common risk factors. <p>This integration ensures that stakeholders are better and more broadly informed, thereby facilitating greater synergy and improved identification of opportunities across sectors. The intersectoral nature of the Healthy Living Strategy also provides a national context and reference point for all sectors, governments and Aboriginal organizations to measure success of their own strategies and interventions.</p>
Contact	http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/hp-ps/index.html

Department	Human Resources and Social Development Canada
Program and Mandate	Community Development and Partnerships Directorate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Community Development & Partnerships Directorate (CDPD) works to advance the social priorities of the Government of Canada related to children and their families by working with the voluntary sector by making strategic investments that build knowledge, facilitate information sharing, and support effective practices in early learning.
Focus/Activities	It provides funding to non-profit organizations, educational institutions, research institutes, and professional associations working to meet the social development needs of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> persons with disabilities, children and their families, or other vulnerable or excluded populations in Canada
Contact	http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/hip/sd/05_SDPP.shtml

Department	Human Resources and Social Development Canada
Program and Mandate	<p>Social Development Partnerships Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Social Development Partnership Program is administered by the Community Development and Partnerships Directorate and the Office for Disability Issues. • This program is actively exploring their roles in community development and place-based decision making.
Focus/Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In November 2006, the Task Force on Community Investments (TFCI) published a report entitled: Achieving Coherence in Government of Canada Funding Practice in Communities. This discussion paper is intended to advance dialogue and reflection on the government-community sector funding relationship.
Contact	http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/hip/sd/05_SDPP.shtml

Please note the due to government changes, departmental re-organization, and pending program changes, information about federal departments will need to be updated. Additionally, there are other departments which are currently developing communications material on community and neighbourhood related programs and policies.

Name of initiative	Metropolis Project
Mandate	<p>The goal is to improve policies for managing migration and cultural diversity in major cities by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing academic research capacity • Focusing academic research on critical policy questions, options and delivery mechanisms • Developing effective ways to use research in decision making
Focus regarding communities agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolis is an international forum for research and policy on migration, diversity and changing cities. • The Metropolis Project Team recently launched the Cities Initiative. The objective of the Cities Initiative is to increase the participation of municipalities in Metropolis and to foster the Project's expertise within a municipal setting. While the context of Metropolis research has always been largely urban, the Cities Initiatives aims for a more effective municipal engagement in Metropolis and to enhance the relevance of the research for municipal governments. Specific measures include developing this Cities Corner Metropolis Web site, identifying urban policy-research questions and organizing events that engage municipalities.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its activities are carried out by a membership of research and policy organizations from over 20 countries who share a vision of strengthened immigration policy by means of applied academic research. • The project is dedicated to creating an active network of researchers and decision makers and providing all levels of government, community organizations and business with solid information on which to anchor policy ideas and programs. • In Canada, the Metropolis Project is built upon partnerships between all levels of government, academic researchers and community organizations in five Centres of Excellence. • The international arm of the Project involves partnerships with policy makers and researchers from over 20 countries, including the United States, most of Western Europe, Israel and Argentina and from the Asia-Pacific region.
Sources of funding	The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council agreed to collaborate with Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) in order to create the Metropolis Project and four Centres of Excellence in immigration and integration research. The Centres facilitate, coordinate, undertake and disseminate research on immigration and integration in Canada.
Scope	International, national
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Name of initiative	Canadian Index of Wellbeing (Atkinson Foundation)
Mandate	<p>The Canadian Index of Wellbeing (CIW) seeks to provide Canadians with a clear, valid, and regular accounting of the things that matter to them and the genuine progress of Canada.</p> <p>The CIW is being developed as a tool to account honestly and accurately for changes in our human, social, economic and natural wealth through a new index that can best capture the full range of factors that determine wellbeing in Canada.</p>
Focus regarding communities agenda	Through the CIW we want to help foster a common vision for the future of Canada, one that can be used as a basis for improving health and wellbeing outcomes that matter to Canadians.
Activities	<p>Indicators are developed in the following domains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Standards • Time allocation • Healthy Populations • Ecosystem Health • Education Populace • Community Vitality • Civic Engagement
Sources of funding	The Atkinson Foundation is a private foundation
Scope	
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Name of initiative	Federation of Canadian Municipalities Quality of Life Indicators Reporting System
Mandate	Developed by FCM, the Quality of Life Reporting System (QOLRS) measures, monitors and reports on the quality of life in Canadian urban municipalities using data from a variety of national and municipal sources. Starting with 16 municipalities in 1999, the QOLRS has grown to include 22 municipalities, comprising some of Canada's largest urban centres and many of the suburban municipalities surrounding them.
Focus regarding communities agenda	The first QOL report in 1999 looked at the social effects of the economic recession of the early 1990s. The second report in 2001 examined the beginning of the economic recovery in the second half of the 1990s. The 2003 report focused on the growing gap between those at the top and bottom of the income scale in the participating cities. A Highlights Report in 2004 took a look at six quality of life factors in 20 Canadian municipalities from 1991 to 2001, and a second report that year examined incomes, shelter and necessities. The following year (2005) saw two theme reports: Dynamic Societies and Social Change, and Growth, the Economy and the Urban Environment.
Activities	Within each of the following domains, 4-6 indicators have been developed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable and Appropriate Housing • Civic Engagement • Community and Social Infrastructure • Education • Employment • Local Economy • National Environment • Personal and Community Health • Personal Financial Security • Personal Safety
Sources of funding	Each municipality funds their own Quality of Life Indicators project through city budget and local funders. The Federation's work is funded through a federal government funding, and members' fees.
Scope	
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Name of initiative	Genuine Progress Index Atlantic (GPI Atlantic) Community GPI
Mandate	GPIAtlantic's vision is that decisions made by governments, businesses and other organizations in Nova Scotia, Canada, and around the world, are based on criteria that properly value social, economic and environmental assets.
Focus regarding communities agenda	GPIAtlantic's mission is to conduct research on the <u>Genuine Progress Index</u> , which measures environmental, economic and social progress and wealth, and to assist leaders in business, government and communities in using the GPI perspective in their decision-making
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the development of indicators and measures of progress. • assessments of the economic value of non-market social and environmental assets not generally valued in the conventional economic statistics. <p>It is at the level of local community that "the rubber really hits the road" in terms of quality of life. Communities know viscerally if they are getting safer or not, if job security is growing or not, if people in need are being cared for, if the quality of their air and water are improving or getting worse. They also know that the economic growth measures conventionally used to assess well-being don't tell the whole story. And they yearn for community development strategies that address the issues that matter to them.</p> <p>An example of the domains covered through community surveys:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographics and Employment • Health and Community • Peace and Security • Time Use Diary • Environment
Sources of funding	
Scope	
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Web	

Name of initiative	Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Rural Secretariat
Mandate	The vision of the Rural Secretariat is of sustainable regions with healthy, educated, prosperous people living in safe, inclusive communities
Focus regarding communities agenda	Promote the well-being of all regions of Newfoundland and Labrador through a comprehensive and coordinated approach to economic, social, cultural and environmental aspects of regional development.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as the focal point for government to work with local and regional partners to build strong and dynamic regions and communities. • Ensure that regional concerns are considered throughout the provincial government and promoted at the federal level. • Carry out research and analysis of economic and social issues affecting all regions of Newfoundland and Labrador • Help communities and regions identify and take advantage of growth opportunities.
Sources of funding	
Scope	
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Name of initiative	Institute de la statistique du Quebec
Mandate	The Institut de la statistique du Québec collects, obtains and keeps information only for the purposes of its mission, that is, solely for statistical purposes.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Protecting the information entrusted to it by its survey respondents is at the heart of the concerns of the Institut. The duty of protecting the confidentiality of statistical information is, in fact, the cornerstone of all the Institut's activities. The assurance that the information it collects or obtains will remain confidential gives the Institut its credibility, and brings individuals, entreprises and organizations to participate in its surveys in confidence, thus ensuring the quality of findings
Activities	
Sources of funding	
Scope	
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Name of initiative	Pembina Institute Sustainable Measurement Program
Mandate	The Pembina Institute is an independent, not-for-profit environmental policy research and education organization. Founded in Drayton Valley, Alberta, the Pembina Institute has a multidisciplinary staff of more than thirty, with offices in Drayton Valley, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Ottawa.
Focus regarding communities agenda	The Pembina Institute's major policy research and education programs are in the areas of sustainable energy, climate change, environmental governance, ecological fiscal reform, sustainability indicators, and the environmental impacts of the energy industry. Charitable environmental education and research programs are carried out in conjunction with the Pembina Institute's sister organization, the GAIA Foundation for Earth Education
Activities	The Sustainability Measurement program helps governments, businesses, and communities to measure their sustainability performance, both to highlight their achievements and to indicate their shortfalls. The Sustainability Measurement team researches and develops practical tools that can be used by organizations to measure, monitor and report on their progress towards economic, social, and environmental sustainability.
Sources of funding	
Scope	
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Name of initiative	Social Capital Partners-Social Return on Investment (Measurement Tools)
Mandate	<p>Social Capital Partners -invests in social enterprises that employ populations outside the economic mainstream in Canada.The goal of these social enterprises is to acquire scale, to exist without external subsidy, and to create improved social outcomes and financial self-sufficiency for the populations they employ.SCP also hopes to encourage and catalyze other innovative funding mechanisms for social initiatives.</p> <p>Social Return on Investment (Measurement Tools) Our belief – or theory of change – is that once people are taken from a (sole) reliance on government funding and are employed in a social enterprise, they become contributors to society through their income taxes. This factor forms the basis for our ‘net benefit to society after employment’ part of our calculation.</p>
Focus regarding communities agenda	<p>What SROI analysis attempts to do, is to measure the monetary value associated with providing a job to someone who is receiving government assistance. This is defined by the equation below. The numerator represents this societal change and the denominator is the cost to make that change:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> $\frac{\text{Net Cost to Society Before Employment} + \text{Net Benefit to Society After Employment}}{\text{Total Investment}}$ </div>
Activities	<p>There are three main components to the denominator:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Money secured through grant financing because of social mission (if applicable); 2. the operational loss (or minus operational profit) for same fiscal period; plus 3. any additional money secured and spent on social support infrastructure for the target employee base (e.g. social support worker, coaching, training, employee savings program) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The other important investment piece inherent in this model relates to the costs of Additional Social Support Infrastructure (SSI) provided for the target employee group. These costs will vary depending on a number of variables such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • target employee profile • whether the social enterprise was launched independently or as a division of an existing social service agency; • age and stage of the social enterprise; • availability of resources; and • stated social mission intentions (e.g. job quality, training provided, employee benefits)
Sources of funding	Social Investment Partners is a Private Foundation
Scope	
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Name of initiative	Sustainable Calgary (State of our City Report)
Mandate	Through a series of community consultations held in 1998 Sustainable Calgary determined that Calgarians consider a strong sense of community to be a vital contributor to their quality of life and to the city's sustainability. Subsequently, Sense of Community was adopted as an "indicator in progress" in Sustainable Calgary's 2001 State of our City Report, and designated a priority action for sustainability. Working with numerous partners, Sustainable Calgary supported research to develop a sense of community assessment tool.
Focus regarding communities agenda	The result of this collaborative process are the State of Our City Reports. They are published generally every three years and are used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inform Calgarians of our progress toward sustainability; • create a focal point for discussion of sustainability issues in general and to raise these issues to a higher level of public debate; • provide an educational tool that can be used by teachers, private and public decision makers as well as community organizations; • monitor issues, actions and policies that impact the sustainability and quality of life in Calgary; • provide a basis for action and to influence policy, planning and community processes; • and demonstrate links among economic, social and ecological indicators.
Activities	There were five dimensions within which indicators were developed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Indicators 2. Economic Indicators 3. Educational Indicators 4. National Environment 5. Wellness <p>It is within the first cluster that the Sense of Community Indicators were developed which track things such as festival participation, volunteer rates, familiarity with neighbours, community pride...</p>
Sources of funding	City of Calgary, Community Foundation of Calgary, United Way of Calgary
Scope	
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Web	www.sustainablecalgary.ca

Name of initiative	Vital Signs
Mandate	<i>Vital Signs</i> is an annual community check-up conducted by community foundations across Canada that measures the vitality of our cities, identifies significant trends, and assigns grades in at least ten areas critical to quality of life. <i>Vital Signs</i> is based on a project of the Toronto Community Foundation and is coordinated nationally by Community Foundations of Canada . Each city's report card data is a compilation of numerous research sources, much of it local, that help communities make connections between issues and trends in different areas. The findings are presented in a reader friendly format to make them as accessible as possible.
Focus regarding communities agenda	Community foundations are well-suited to this kind of work because of the broad role we play in our communities. Community foundations work with a wide range of community groups - not just one charity or sector. This gives us a comprehensive view of local issues and the ability to make connections between various needs and issues.
Activities	<p>Measuring the vitality of Canadian communities in critical areas will help community foundations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the effectiveness of our grantmaking • Better inform our donors about issues and opportunities in the community <p>Although each community will choose to measure different things according to their unique characteristics, Vital Signs communities have agreed upon ten common "Core Indicators":</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Income Gap 2. Safety 3. Health 4. Environment 5. Work 6. Learning 7. Housing 8. Getting Started 9. Arts and Culture 10. Belonging and Leadership
Sources of funding	The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation provided critical support for the national expansion of the Vital Signs program.
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Name of initiative	Yukon Council on the Economy and the Environment Sustainable Progress Indicators Framework
Mandate	<p>The Yukon government created the Yukon Council on the Economy and the Environment to help ensure that the economy and the environment are managed in a harmonious way and to raise public awareness of sustainable development issues.</p> <p>The principles of sustainable development are explicitly recognized in both the Yukon Conservation Strategy and the Yukon Economic Strategy as well as in the Yukon's <i>Environment Act</i> and the <i>Economic Development Act</i>. Together, these documents form a foundation for policies and actions to strengthen and protect the Yukon's environment and the economy.</p>
Focus regarding communities agenda	Through research and public education and by advising government on a range of issues, the Council encourages sustainable development policies and practices in the Yukon.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reviews major government policies, strategies, legislation and programs which affect the Yukon's economy and environment; • works with industry, community and public sectors to promote development which meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs; • advises on the implementation of the Yukon Economic Strategy and the Yukon Conservation Strategy; • monitors the progress of the Yukon Conservation Strategy and evaluates its success in guiding sustainable development; • holds public meetings, workshops and conferences on major economic and environmental issues; • promotes public awareness and understanding of the connections between the environment and the economy; • reviews and comments on reports relating to economic and environmental issues; and • recommends research on sustainable development issues.
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