

ASSESSMENT TOOL 3: CAPACITY INVENTORY

COMMUNITY CAPACITY INVENTORY¹

Here's a preliminary inventory of community capacities as described by local yellow pages, city/county planning departments, the chamber of commerce, and volunteer placement agencies. In this example, assets are organized by sector. List the name, address, and phone number of a contact person who can give you more information on who and what you find.

Grassroots or citizens' associations

- All local neighborhood organizations
- Community centers
- Seniors' groups
- Local officials, politicians, and leaders

Institutions

- Local public schools, universities, and community colleges
- Public hospitals or clinics
- Any publicly funded or private educational institution
- State or federal agencies
- Municipal libraries
- Police officers and other emergency personnel
- Parks and municipal pools or golf courses

Community-based organizations

- Housing organizations
- Food kitchens and emergency housing shelters
- Halfway houses, substance abuse homes, domestic violence shelters
- Churches
- Clinics and counseling centers
- Advocacy groups for environment, safety, drug abuse reduction, et cetera

Private sector

- Banks
- Chamber of commerce
- Businessmen's/businesswomen's associations
- Local businesses

¹ Assessment tool borrowed directly from <http://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/assessment/assessing-community-needs-and-resources/identify-community-assets/tools>

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Labeled populations

- Senior citizens
- Local musicians
- Local artists
- Immigrant populations
- Those receiving public assistance, food stamps, Medicaid or Medicare
- Youth
- College students

For more information:

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