

Performance Results for 2015-16 Community Futures Central Island

Community Futures (CF) is a program that supports community economic development and builds the capacity of communities to realize their full sustainable potential. The purpose of the CF Program is to help communities develop and implement *local solutions to local problems*.

Community Futures Performance Results	2015-16 Results
<i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i>	
1. Number of local and regionally-based community strategic plan(s) developed and/or updated during the year:	7
2. Total number of community based projects ("new" and "on-going"):	77
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>	
3. Number of businesses created/ maintained/ expanded through business services	33
4. Number of business training session participants	426
5. Number of business advisory services	165
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>	
6. Dollar value of loans	2,578,750
7. Number of loans	18
Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events,)	
<p>This past year has been a year of transition and revitalization. It first began with the recruitment of our new business analyst. We surpassed our loan dollar target and were extremely close to reaching the loan number target. This transition has brought a youthful energy to the organization and we look forward to 2016-17.</p> <p>Organizationally we were very active in the social enterprise community and have been very involved in a number of organizations. We have facilitated 3 full on strategic planning session with not for profits exploring social enterprises and have aided on SE in a realignment of the organization</p> <p>We have engaged as a facilitator of a Literacy and Essential Skills Survey for the manufacturing sector of BC. This has been a very interesting project and definitely made us more aware of the barriers and struggles that face this sector.</p> <p>We hosted PWC Audit in our office this spring and completed the WD Compliance Audit successfully.</p>	