

Performance Results for 2022-23 Community Futures Lloydminster & Region

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	2022-23
<i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i>	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	43
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	2
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>	
3. Total number of business training session participants	411
4. Total number of business advisory services	125
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>	
5. Dollar value of loans	\$439,300
6. Total number of loans	18
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending ¹	26.5
Provide additional information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>We have been proud to support Women Entrepreneurs through our WES Initiative – Project Gazelle for the past four years. During the project we introduced the concept of entrepreneurship to 5,882 women across northern Alberta and northwest Saskatchewan and served 3,812 rural and remote women with assessments, training, coaching, and business supports. This past year alone, the project hosted 20 training sessions. Additionally, we have been able to access the CGI loan program to assist women entrepreneurs with capital to start or grow their businesses. We have supported 4 women-owned local businesses this past year.</p> <p>Community economic development is also a key component to our business and we were pleased to be able to support many initiatives such as Lemonade Day, the Economic Summit, Vermilion Business Awards, Northeast Alberta Food Marketers, the East Central Alberta Regional Innovation Network, the Alberta iMarket, HOT6 Business Circle, Entrepreneurs with Disabilities, the Self Employment Program and more.</p>	

¹ Estimated at the time of lending