

Performance Results for 2023-24 Community Futures Peace Country

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	2023-24
<i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i>	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	23
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	1
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>	
3. Total number of business training session participants	462
4. Total number of business advisory services	279
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>	
5. Dollar value of loans	\$1,198,833
6. Total number of loans	20
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending ¹	26
Provide additional information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>We continued to deliver a highly successful Women in the North Conference in five communities including Peace River, Fairview, Valleyview, Manning and Spirit River. Monthly business training for our communities were offered in the Lunch & Learn hybrid virtual/in person format, staff visited businesses in Valleyview & Nampa for the annual Hug an Entrepreneur Day during Small Business Week, and we took on the Lemonade Day project which resulted in over 100 kids registering for the program and 16 stands in our communities. We partnered with ATB in delivering the PowerUp Conference in October in Peace River, four Board members attended the event. New this year saw the beginning planning stages of the SongRise Music Conference in partnership with a small record company in Fairview that will happen in the 2024-25 fiscal year.</p> <p>We partnered with CF Central Alberta on the Online Learning System and with CF West Yellowhead on the Disaster Recovery Initiative which are in progress.</p> <p>We celebrated 77% RRRF loan repayments that qualified in the forgiveness portion of the loan/s and we attribute that success rate to the effective and timely communications from our office to the clients</p>	

¹ Estimated at the time of lending

