

Performance Results for 2018-19 Community Futures Lesser Slave Lake 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*.

<b>Community Futures Performance Results</b>	<b>Results as of 2018-19</b>
<b><i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i></b>	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	<b>23</b>
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	<b>2</b>
<b><i>Rural access to business development services</i></b>	
3. Total number of business training session participants	<b>465</b>
4. Total number of business advisory services	<b>92</b>
<b><i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i></b>	
5. Dollar value of loans	<b>343,540.00</b>
6. Total number of loans	<b>9</b>
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending <sup>1</sup>	<b>67</b>
Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>Community Futures Lesser Slave Lake Region (CFLSL) focussed on many community opportunities this year. Our region has faced many economic struggles in the last few years and as such we look to bring more opporutinty to our community through education and facilitation.</p> <p>Working with the Tri-council Economic Development Committee(Town of Slave Lake, MD of Lesser Slave Lake, and the Sawridge First Nation) we helped to start projects on tourism and opportunity development. This partnership helped us to better understand the economic priorities of our councils and get perspective on various holes in our current economy.</p> <p>We hosted Leadercast Women a broadcast leadership training event that we put on in Slave Lake. There are a multitude of world class speakers and booklets to follow along. The event provided opportunities for women to learn, network and promote their businesses. We had a total of 71 women attend this training. It went so well that we are hosting it again in the next year.</p>	

<sup>1</sup> Estimated at the time of lending

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Live Love Local – This is networking, learning, and shopping event that we partnered with the local Jeep dealership to run. It had opportunities for women to learn about local women in business, network, vehicle skills (as a way to promote empowerment). This event also promoted local business and shopping within the community. We had a total of 131 women register for the event but had around 220 attend the event. We are also hoping to run this event again.

We started and ran The Lakeside Speakeasy Toastmasters club. This club helps members learn leadership skills, board roles, and speaking skills. All elements of those in leadership roles in their business or working for organizations. Over the year there were more than 140 attendees and 80% reported a better understanding of public speaking after attending each session.

CFLSL facilitated and coordinated the Town of Slave Lake strategic planning session.

CFLSL facilitated and coordinated the Homeless Initiative strategic planning session.

CFLSL worked with a local accounting company to facilitate an idiscussion on finances .

CFLSL partnered with RBC to ran a Business Succession Planning Course for 19 participants.