

Performance Results for 2021-22 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*.

Community Futures Performance Results	2021-22
<i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i>	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	11
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	528
4. Total number of business advisory services	633
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>	
5. Dollar value of loans	\$308,000
6. Total number of loans	16
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending ¹	31
Provide additional information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>Even though we had some limitations on our community events and training, we were able to provide a multitude of programs when restriction were alleviated. Our Headstart in Business program had the most participants yet and our Business Skills Training Series for Women launched successfully. We've also started work on some larger project to support business such as BACE, a customer service and leadership training platform to support businesses in training their staff as well as improving customer service in the region as an economic strategy. We continue to run Love Local Shop Local which has 65 participants and continues to grow. We also are participating in the Digital Service Squad programing which will enable businesses to grow their digital footprint and drive more business to them. We co-hosted Leadercast a leadership training event that we put forward to business owners and future leaders in our region. We continue to be involved in regional economic development projects such as Slave Lake Slam (tourism event), Regional Business Awards, New Comers Group (citizen attraction and retention), Spark The North (Labour Solutions Summit), Mini Monster (Halloween driver for business), and others.</p>	

¹ Estimated at the time of lending

