

Performance Results for 2019-20 Community Futures Grande Prairie & 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	Results as of 2019-20
<i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i>	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	25
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	18
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>	
3. Total number of business training session participants	54
4. Total number of business advisory services	898
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>	
5. Dollar value of loans	2,290,436
6. Total number of loans	28
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending ¹	92
Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>CF Grande Prairie came through the year of change and transition stronger and with a laser focus to help small business in the region. We are very proud of the new partnership we are creating with Shell LiveWIRE to deliver the first even North American LiveWIRE! Program and are thrilled to continue coordinating speakers for the Growing the North Conference. We continue to serve our clients not only with financing but with effective, comprehensive business coaching and support. Our work with all types of clients and businesses make our experience base diverse and valuable to entrepreneurs and non-profits alike.</p> <p>We continue to partner and liaise with amazing partners in our region including ATB Entrepreneur Centre, BDC, the Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce, municipalities, other non-profits and private sector firms that assist business.</p> <p>This year, we assisted 28 businesses with business financing and are thrilled to have assisted these businesses to start and grow. We provide ongoing to support to all of our clients, providing business coaching, referrals, and advice to help entrepreneurs achieve their goals.</p>	

¹ Estimated at the time of lending