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| **Community Futures Performance Results** | **Results as of 2016-17** |
| ***Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation*** | |
| 1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going) | **37** |
| 2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated | **5** |
| ***Rural access to business development services*** |  |
| 3. Total number of business training session participants | **17** |
| 4. Total number of business advisory services | **585** |
| ***Rural access to capital and leveraged capital*** |  |
| 5. Dollar value of loans | **2,792,066** |
| 6. Total number of loans | **37** |
| 7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending[[1]](#footnote-1) | **130.5** |
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| Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc…) |
| Community Futures Grande Prairie & Region remains committed to ensuring that the region’s entrepreneurs are able to access the business services and business financing needed to move their businesses forward. Access to capital is the biggest challenge we have at the moment, both operationally and for investment. We have embarked on the development of a local Opportunity Development Fund to provide additional investment capital for business financing. We have also entered into discussions with the provincial government about the possibilities available to us to work with them in managing a similar fund, providing an additional source of capital to entrepreneurs that do not currently fit their funding criteria. We are also working with BDC to identify opportunities to work together, perhaps setting up a BDC fund for CF and/or looking at the existing CFGP portfolio and “selling” performing loans to BDC, to free up cash flow for current and future requests. |

1. Estimated at the time of lending [↑](#footnote-ref-1)