

Performance Results for 2016-17 South Fraser

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 2016-17</b>
<b><i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i></b>	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	<b>35</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>883</b>
4. Total number of business advisory services	<b>2,434</b>
<b><i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i></b>	
5. Dollar value of loans	<b>582,321</b>
6. Total number of loans	<b>10</b>
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending <sup>1</sup>	<b>51.5</b>
Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>Carter Hearing Limited: Laura Carter came to Community futures with an idea. After working 10 years in the hearing aid industry, she saw the need for a more caring company that could help people locally including those with no access to hearing specialists. She attended a free market research workshop and discovered she was correct in her assumption, so followed up by taking part in the Community Futures Self Employment Program. “The workshops and staff were great! They really helped me go in the right direction.” After she launched her business, she was delighted to be able to access Community Futures for a small business loan which enabled her to successfully launch her business in 3 communities and get a mobile unit up and running.</p> <p>She hates the idea of hearing loss lowering the quality of life for people. She now has locations in Chilliwack, Hope, and Princeton and delivers service to First Nations communities using the mobile unit. Many of her clients are now experiencing major improvements in their quality of life thanks to Laura – and thanks to Community Futures!</p>	

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