

Performance Results for 2018-19 Community Futures 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 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>85</b>
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	<b>1</b>
<b><i>Rural access to business development services</i></b>	
3. Total number of business training session participants	<b>532</b>
4. Total number of business advisory services	<b>1899</b>
<b><i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i></b>	
5. Dollar value of loans	<b>190000</b>
6. Total number of loans	<b>4</b>
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending <sup>1</sup>	<b>17</b>
Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>In mid-2016 Darin &amp; Gabby Graham came to us with an idea – they wanted to open up a café within which they wanted to offer board games – with a \$5 cover charge – and the opportunity to play board games with no time limit. We felt that the idea warranted some in depth investigation and we found that this “idea” was finding some success in other cities. We funded them to get off the ground and on a number of occasions we have gone there for a mid-afternoon staff event. We have been surprised by the number of younger couples who come in with their children at that time of day. This location has become a great meeting place for people of all ages. Darin and Gaby continue to add to the selection of games to keep current as well they bring in older well recognized games. Some evenings there is a waiting list to get in. They are planning to relocate across the street for better exposure and newer facilities. They use local ingredients for their selection of sandwiches and other food offerings and also have an offering of local beers. After they opened they quickly achieved their target of 2 full time and 4 part time employees. Their business has been one of the contributors to the regrowth of the historic downtown Abbotsford.</p>	

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Estimated at the time of lending