

Performance Results for 2021-22 CF 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*.

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)	238
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	37
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>	
3. Total number of business training session participants	675
4. Total number of business advisory services	988
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>	
5. Dollar value of loans	706,000
6. Total number of loans	12
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending ¹	46
Provide additional information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>Workforce Connections Workshop Series The Workforce Connections Project conducted a survey of 100 businesses to determine the need related to Workforce Shortages. From the results of the survey the steering committee developed a series of 60 workshop topics on diversity, equity, and inclusion, hiring principles, culture and purpose techniques for sustainable hiring, budgeting, and business transitions. We hired local facilitators to deliver virtual and recorded workshops so they could be added to the website developed and use an ongoing education piece.</p> <p>Chilliwack Economic Resource Network A collaboration with CEPCO, Tourism, Chamber of Commerce, BIA, Stó:lō Community Futures, City of Chilliwack, and Community Futures South Fraser won the distinctive 2022 BC Economic Development Award for Community Project greater than 20,000 population for the Project – <i>Workforce Connection – The Power of People</i> proudly funded by the Rural Opportunities Fund.</p> <p>Abbotsford Daycare CFSF provided a startup loan of \$140,000 to this female owned daycare that created and maintained 14 full time jobs, and 2 part time jobs. CFSF also provided specialist services focusing on accounting/bookkeeping for this startup.</p>	

¹ Estimated at the time of lending