Performance Results for 2023-24 **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	**2023-24**
Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	**17**
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	
Rural access to business development services	
3. Total number of business training session participants	**311**
4. Total number of business advisory services	**660**
Rural access to capital and leveraged capital	
5. Dollar value of loans	**986,500**
6. Total number of loans	**15**
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending [1]	

Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc.)

1. Abby Fresh Launch – over the summer, the Food Economy Working Group launched Abby Fresh, a project supporting farmers in direct farm sales initiatives.
2. Women's Leadership Collective Event – successfully moderated the November Women's Leadership Collective event. This event hosted a panel of women leaders in capital investment including WEBC, Scotiabank, The Forum and a women led startup named Pocketed. A successful event that showcased the disparity in lending for female entrepreneurs and provided insight into accessing capital as a female entrepreneur.

Successful Loan Disbursements

- Funds supported startups, expansions, and business maintenance across diverse sectors.
- Loans benefited underrepresented groups, including Women, LGBTQ2+, persons with disabilities, and BIPOC.
- Business sectors included home and personal services, pet services, retail, construction, restaurants, and tourism.

[1] Estimated at the time of lending