

Performance Results for 2021-22 Community Futures Lloydminster & Region

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)	47
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	6
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>	
3. Total number of business training session participants	405
4. Total number of business advisory services	106
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>	
5. Dollar value of loans	\$1,474,704
6. Total number of loans	29
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending ¹	62.5
Provide additional information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>The 2021-2022 year continued to focus on relief and recovery during the COVID-19 pandemic. Supports and loans were provided to clients through the Regional Relief & Recovery Fund, and we continued work on community based multi-partner projects such as the Economic Recovery Task Force, Think Lloyd First, and the Alberta iMarket. We (along with our 8 partners) were honored that the Think Lloyd First marketing campaign received a provincial award from the Saskatchewan Economic Developers Association. As our community began to settle and re-open there were many opportunities for entrepreneurial training and economic development. Three key new initiatives this year were the summer Youth Tech camp (17 participants), the creation of the DigiFuture for Business program to enhance digital literacy skills for entrepreneurs, and a collaborative partnership with Inclusion Lloydminster to bring the concept of entrepreneurship to those with developmental disabilities (3 clients). Our ongoing Women Entrepreneurship Strategy – Project Gazelle continues to make great impact across northern Alberta and NW Saskatchewan. We have achieved the original performance metrics for this project with a year of programming still to go – 6 incubators developed, 4500 women introduced to entrepreneurship and 1500 starting down the path to entrepreneurship. The online marketplace for Gazelles can be found at www.thegazelle.ca</p> <p>In terms of operations, we continue to offer virtual and in-person client services and have also opened a part time office space in Vermilion to meet the needs of the business community there.</p>	

¹ Estimated at the time of lending