

Community Futures North Cariboo

Performance Results for 2024-25

Community Futures (CF) is a national program that fosters entrepreneurship and community economic development in rural Canada. There are 34 CF offices in British Columbia, mandated to deliver a variety of services ranging from strategic economic planning, technical and advisory services to businesses, loans to small and medium-sized businesses, self-employment assistance programs, and services targeted to youth and entrepreneurs with disabilities. CF offices are non-profit corporations run by salaried staff and guided by volunteer boards of directors.

Community Futures Performance Results		2024-25
<i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i>		
1. Number of community-based projects		13
2. Number of local and regionally based community strategic plans developed and/or updated		3
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>		
3. Number of business training session participants		140
4. Number of business advisory services		597
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>		
5. Value of loans		\$1,594,546
6. Number of loans		16
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending ¹		20
Provide additional Information (e.g. success stories, links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc.)		
<p>Loans: The total value of loans distributed in 2024/2025 was \$1,594,546, exceeding our target by \$594,546. This was largely driven by post Covid-19 recovery demands as business positions improved and owners looked to expand. The number of loans we distributed was modestly below expectations by 4 loans.</p> <p>Training and Advisory Services: 597 Business advisory meetings and 140 business training participants well exceeds our targets by more than 30%</p> <p>Regional Business Liaison: The Rural Business Liaison grant position through NDIT was successfully completed providing 297 outreach meetings across all communities in the North Cariboo.</p>		

¹ Estimated at the time of lending

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Community Economic Development Grants Summary:

CFNC provides grants for Community Economic Development projects. This year included;

Island Mountain Arts – Arts Program

Billy Barker Days Society – Billy Barker Days Festival

Quesnel and District Chamber of Commerce – Business Excellence Awards

FARMED – Agriculture Resource Website

Quesnel Technics Gymnastics Club – Equipment Purchase

Quesnel Seedy Saturday Event

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Bowl for Kids Sake

Buck Ridge Community Assoc. – Equipment fund

Cariboo Youth Soccer – Training Camp

Quesnel Tillicum Society – Pow Wow

Cariboo Volunteer Hub – Volunteer Fair

Quesnel Community Foundation – Office Support

Come to the Table – Women in Business Networking

Quesnel Seedy Saturday Event (2025)

City of Quesnel and Cariboo Regional District – Boots and Toques Event

Quesnel and District Chamber of Commerce – International Women's Day

International Women's Day – Women in Leadership Event

Quesnel Technics Gymnastics Club – Gold Pan Invitational

City of Quesnel and Cariboo Regional District – Snotty Nose Rex Kids Concert

New Programs (Export Navigator, AI for Business):

Community Futures BC took on the Export Navigator program, formerly of Small Business BC, in order to continue offering these services across the Province. Our office continues to partner with our local representative to provide these crucial services to the North Cariboo. Our office has been training on AI adoption with the aim of become AI for Business experts that can provide training and support for our clients in the future.