

Performance Results for 2015-16 Community Futures Stuart Nechako

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	2015-16 Results
<i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i>	
1. Number of local and regionally-based community strategic plan(s) developed and/or updated during the year:	3
2. Total number of community based projects (“new” and “on-going”):	37
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>	
3. Number of businesses created/ maintained/ expanded through business services	1
4. Number of business training session participants	427
5. Number of business advisory services	129
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>	
6. Dollar value of loans	663,825
7. Number of loans	8
Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>The fiscal year 2015-2016 has been a busy one for CFSN. One new Director was added to the Board.</p> <p>One of the most notable activities for the year was the development of the investlocalbc.ca crowdfunding platform and Crowdfunding Summit held in Prince George, BC in March. The event had over 50 people attend 8 sessions to learn about all aspects of crowdfunding and its use as a community development tool. The attendees included Community Futures Managers, representatives from The College of New Caledonia and UNBC as well as industry professionals and business people.</p> <p>CFSN is also active working with projects relating to 6 out of the 8 First Nations in the region. The projects include Micro Lending, Youth Education, Community Development Planning and Business Services. CFSN continues to build its reputation throughout the region as willing participants in community and business development.</p>	