

Performance Results for 2016-17 CF 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*.

<b>Community Futures Performance Results</b>	<b>Results as of 2016-17</b>
<b><i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i></b>	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	<b>43</b>
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	<b>1</b>
<b><i>Rural access to business development services</i></b>	
3. Total number of business training session participants	<b>146</b>
4. Total number of business advisory services	<b>86</b>
<b><i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i></b>	
5. Dollar value of loans	<b>814257</b>
6. Total number of loans	<b>15</b>
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending <sup>1</sup>	<b>23</b>
Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>CFSN has made progress on working with the communities it serves to develop structure to nurture innovation and its commercialization. CFSN continues to lead the region in alternative finance through the initiative <a href="http://www.investlocalbc.ca">www.investlocalbc.ca</a>. There have been a number of successful campaigns on this portal over the year. We believe this initiative will help fund proofs of concept and creative ideas that can't be funded through our current programs. We believe crowdfunding is a community development tool with untapped potential.</p> <p>CFSN, with the assistance of B2B Mobile, held workshops introducing coding to parents in advance of their children being exposed to this technology in the upcoming school year. Further workshops on coding will be forthcoming in the next fiscal year subject to sufficient interest by the community.</p> <p>Our message this year is Buy Local – Make Local – Invest Local.</p> <p>Our strategy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Buy Local – In partnership with the Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce, to establish an online shopping platform that is ecommerce active to provide a local click alternative to Amazon</li> <li>2. Make Local- In partnership with local business and educators CFSN is leading the communities to develop a</li> </ol>	

<sup>1</sup> Estimated at the time of lending

light manufacturing cluster based around computer controlled equipment. This project may have smaller projects, such as establishing makerlabs and technology centres in rural communities. The objective is to promote shop floor and incremental innovation to build a small manufacturer's network.

3. Invest Local: CFSN believes that a platform that allows / creates opportunity for local investment in local opportunities will lead to resilient communities.