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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Re: Response to Boundary Region Floods 2018 - Here's How We Can Help:

Dear Boundary Residents and Business Community:

Community Futures Boundary is proud to be a part of this beautiful region and are fully committed to helping our business community recover and rebuild from the devastation that has resulted from the recent floods. We have seen this destruction first hand, and are so proud of the immense efforts of our volunteer base, first responders, and other committed stakeholders. Seeing the region come together in this way has been so very rewarding, even in the face of such tragedy.

Moving forward, here's how we are helping:

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: Small business is a priority. We know that support is needed now and that the journey to recovery will take some time. We are here to help:

- 1. Working with our existing affected clients to provide payment relief, additional funds as needed.** Please, if we haven't already spoken to you yet, contact our office.
- 2. Those who need help who are not already established clients-** we invite any affected business that may need our services to contact us. **We are providing loans for cash flow, inventory, repairs etc. The process is simple – if you have a need contact us, we will do our best to accommodate you as quickly and efficiently as possible.**

All inquiries are strictly confidential and will be reviewed on a case by case basis by our Business Analyst, Susan Green at 250.442.2722 Ext 222 (susan@boundarycf.com).

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED): At this time, we would like everyone in the region to know that we are actively advocating for assistance at all levels of government and are talking with community and regional stakeholders about the devastation we have experienced. We will be submitting a proposal very shortly to access funding for a Business Recovery Program and are managing and promoting a Go Fund Me Account and an account at the Grand Forks Credit Union for community donations. We will be working closely with the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Grand Forks Downtown Business Association to provide assistance with members wherever possible and are here to help businesses distribute information.

If you have any questions about CED please call Jennifer Wetmore at 250.442.2722 Ext 225 (jennifer@boundarycf.com)

WORK BC/EMPLOYEE SUPPORTS:

If you are experiencing or in imminent danger of job loss, our support staff can assist you with access to computers for Employment Insurance Applications, phone and fax.

Individual job search assistance:

- Access to current job postings
- Labour market information
- Computer/ Internet access
- Individual employment counselling
- Referrals to other community services
- Career development
- Job search and career workshops

Please see a comprehensive list of all services on our website www.boundarycf.com, facebook [communityfuturesboundary](#) and twitter.

Disaster Financial Assistance applications are available at:
<http://www.gov.bc.ca/disasterfinancialassistance>

We know that things seem overwhelming and that so many of you have lost so much. If the response we've seen to date is any indication of the resilience of this Region, we are confident, that through ongoing collaboration, communication and support, the Boundary Region will prosper again.

Sincerely,

Wendy McCulloch
General Manager
Community Futures Boundary