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Boundary Business Advisor (BBA) Program Guidelines

Program Description:

The Boundary Business Advisory Program aims to enhance businesses in the Boundary Region to be more competitive, manage transition, develop risk management strategies and respond to change. The program provides free one on one business advisory services to participants. Funding for this program is limited, and we are prioritizing businesses that are directly affected by, and responding to the COVID-19 crisis and May 2018 Freshet event.

Program Benefits:

- ✓ up to 10 hours free advisory services (including assessment)
- ✓ up to \$500 available to assist with costs to implement recommendations and/or referrals to
 specialized services. A separate request for funds is required and must be approved in advance
 by Community Futures Boundary. Expenses incurred prior to approval will not be considered.
- ✓ Low interest Micro loans available to BBA clients

Eligibility:

- ✓ For Profit Businesses
- ✓ Social Enterprises
- ✓ Co-ops
- ✓ Start-up businesses that have not generated revenue
- ✓ Operating in the Boundary Region
- ✓ Registered and have a business number

Ineligible Businesses:

- ✓ Multi-level marketing businesses
- ✓ Concept businesses

How to Apply:

- ✓ Complete the application form (also found on our website www.boundarycf.com) and submit to Community Futures Boundary
- ✓ If eligible for the program, a Business Advisor will contact you to set up an appointment

Participation Requirements:

This is a collaborative effort between advisor and business owner. Participation in the BBA program requires time commitment, willingness to openly discuss your business situation including financial information and following up on recommendations.



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