

Community Futures Boundary
Performance Results for 2025-26

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		2025-26
<i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i>		
1. Number of community-based projects		4
2. Number of local and regionally based community strategic plans developed and/or updated		0
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>		
3. Number of business training session participants		732
4. Number of business advisory services		732
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>		
5. Value of loans		\$456,177
6. Number of loans		9
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending ¹		18

Provide additional Information (e.g. success stories, links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc.)
CFB exceeded its loan portfolio targets while maintaining minimal loan write-offs and a low delinquency rate, demonstrating both prudent lending practices and strong client relationships. CFB was also able to provide business advisory services and training to over 700 businesses during the last year. In addition to these core services, CFB continues to deliver the WorkBC program. This program provides a wide range of employment-related supports to residents in the Boundary which is particularly needed during periods of economic transition. The WorkBC services also help retain residents and support local businesses to secure staff through the provision of wage subsidies. Between the WorkBC program, business lend, and advisory services, CFB is playing a key role in supporting economic stability in the region. CFB continues to be active in regional economic development. CFB collaborated with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and secured funding through the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP). This funding supported the hiring of an Economic Development Officer serving Midway and Greenwood, strengthening regional collaboration and economic development capacity. CFB also participates in broader regional

¹ Estimated at the time of lending

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projects and activities such as the Rural Community Immigration Pilot and the Economic Development Practitioners Network.