

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	2021-22
Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation	
Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	122
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	7
Rural access to business development services	
Total number of business training session participants	80
4. Total number of business advisory services	314
Rural access to capital and leveraged capital	
5. Dollar value of loans	\$1,303,148
6. Total number of loans	20
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending ¹	48

Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)

In 2021/22 we continued to help businesses and diversify the economy:

- 8 loans totalling \$1.6M helped new and 12 loans totaling \$444K helped existing businesses in our region
- 20 businesses were created/maintained/expanded through lending
- 48 Jobs were created/maintained through lending
- 2 loans were to youth, and 2 loans were to indigenous entrepreneurs
- 43 Women, 32 Indigenous, 10 youth, and 8 persons with disabilities were served

Since 1986 Community Futures Lac La Biche has disbursed 986 loans totalling \$59.0 MM and; Since 2017 we have disbursed 194 loans totalling \$10.9 MM in support

**This past year some of our projects included bringing <u>Digital Support Squad</u> services to the region, Launching the <u>Connect for Food</u> Regional project, hosting <u>Lemonade Day</u> in our region for the first time, being a financial and active partner in the <u>Museum Sustainability Study</u> with Lac La Biche County, significant updates to the <u>www.mainstreetlaclabiche.com</u>, website and App., and lending our co-working / training space to allow <u>Lakeland</u> employment services to serve clients while the provincial building was unavailable due to COVID19

**We humbly acknowledge the $^{\sim}100$ partners who have worked alongside us this year to achieve these results

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¹ Estimated at the time of lending