

Performance Results for 2016-17 Central Island

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	Results as of 2016-17
<i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i>	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	73
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	4
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>	
3. Total number of business training session participants	451
4. Total number of business advisory services	84
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>	
5. Dollar value of loans	1, 085,000
6. Total number of loans	15
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending ¹	75
Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>Our office loan inquiries during the fiscal year 2016/17 resulted in 23% conversion rate. We have also participated in a number of loans syndications leveraging our investments within the regional and provincial economy.</p> <p>Organizationally we were very active in the social enterprise community and have been involved with a number of organizations. We have also engaged in supporting a local community in the development of a funding proposal to prepare a community economic development strategy. We also facilitated 3 strategic planning sessions.</p> <p>We have been actively involved in pursuing Economic Gardening for Vancouver Island. We hope to see this program resurrected on the island in 2018.</p> <p>We engaged in our annual strategic planning and created a new marketing. We produced new collateral and worked to forge more referral networks.</p> <p>We continue to be active with our local university providing lecture and mentorship services as well as providing internships for two recent graduates. As a community leader we are an active member of Vancouver Island Economic Developers Association and are a committed member of the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance Summit Planning Committee.</p>	

¹ Estimated at the time of lending