

Performance Results for 2016-17

Community Futures – Howe Sound

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*.

<b>Community Futures Performance Results</b>	<b>Results as of 2016-17</b>
<b><i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i></b>	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	<b>1</b>
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	<b>10</b>
<b><i>Rural access to business development services</i></b>	
3. Total number of business training session participants	<b>35</b>
4. Total number of business advisory services	<b>384</b>
<b><i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i></b>	
5. Dollar value of loans	<b>\$806,490</b>
6. Total number of loans	<b>13</b>
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending <sup>1</sup>	<b>76</b>
<p>This past year Community Futures-Howe Sound partnered with The Whistler Centre for Sustainability on two worthwhile community economic development initiatives. First of all, we continued our partnership on the third annual Social Venture Challenge which promotes social enterprise in the region.</p> <p>Secondly, we launched the Roots Ventures program which saw arts and agricultural entrepreneurs in Pemberton embark on a program to grow their business from the concept stage to implementation.</p> <p>Both initiatives created a compelling level of energy in the community. This energy helped promote the numerous positive attributes of social enterprise, and also helped to grow the local economy by embracing the hard-working entrepreneurial spirit in vast community.</p>	

<sup>1</sup> Estimated at the time of lending