

Performance Results for 2021-2022

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*.

Community Futures Performance Results	2021-2022
<i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i>	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	10
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	1
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>	
3. Total number of business training session participants	0
4. Total number of business advisory services	394
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>	
5. Dollar value of loans	\$767,450
6. Total number of loans	17
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending ¹	23
Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>Our community has remained extremely resourceful in weathering the challenges brought about by COVID, climate and a tumultuous global economy.</p> <p>The focus of our Community Futures organisation was to provide a resource and some stability to our loan clients and the wider business community. This support has been widely appreciated and helpful in maintaining a vibrant small business community and enabling start ups.</p> <p>With the retirement of our General Manager of the last 25 years, and other core staffing changes, the organisation has had to adapt, but is now ready to serve the Sea to Sky community in innovative and effective ways.</p> <p>Our priority has always been to get money into the hands of smart entrepreneurs so that they can build businesses, thrive, and improve the diversity of the local economy. Specific projects over the next year will focus on increasing our impact, business advocacy and partnerships and youth entrepreneurship.</p>	

¹ Estimated at the time of lending