

## Community Futures North Okanagan

### 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.

<b>Community Futures Performance Results</b>	<b>2025-26</b>
<b><i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i></b>	
1. Number of community-based projects	<b>10</b>
2. Number of local and regionally based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	<b>3</b>
<b><i>Rural access to business development services</i></b>	
3. Number of business training session participants	<b>648</b>
4. Number of business advisory services	<b>826</b>
<b><i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i></b>	
5. Value of loans	<b>\$1,501,884</b>
6. Number of loans	<b>11</b>
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending <sup>1</sup>	<b>131</b>
Provide additional information (e.g. success stories, links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc.)	
<a href="https://www.castanet.net/news/Salmon-Arm/591746/Workshops-planned-to-help-local-businesses-get-rail-trail-ready-in-Enderby-Armstrong-Sicamous">https://www.castanet.net/news/Salmon-Arm/591746/Workshops-planned-to-help-local-businesses-get-rail-trail-ready-in-Enderby-Armstrong-Sicamous</a>	
<a href="https://www.castanet.net/news/Vernon/546060/Pilot-project-launching-in-North-Okanagan-to-address-labour-market-needs">https://www.castanet.net/news/Vernon/546060/Pilot-project-launching-in-North-Okanagan-to-address-labour-market-needs</a>	
<a href="https://www.castanet.net/news/Vernon/548382/Vernons-Enterprize-Challenge-celebrating-10-years">https://www.castanet.net/news/Vernon/548382/Vernons-Enterprize-Challenge-celebrating-10-years</a>	
<a href="https://www.futuresbc.com/somm-zero-success/">https://www.futuresbc.com/somm-zero-success/</a>	

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