

Performance Results for 2014-15 Mid Sask CF

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 March 31, 2014
<i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i>	
1. Total number of community based projects:	19
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>	
2. Number of jobs created/ maintained/ expanded through business services	49.5
3. Number of business training session participants	42
4. Number of business advisory services	239
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>	
5. Dollar value of loans	\$345,000
6. Number of loans	4
<p>This fiscal year was one of rebalancing our focus on our loan portfolio, and spending time cleaning up loans which were non-performing for us, and not helping the borrowers. We were able to reach solutions with almost all of the problem files, allowing us to get more traction on the lending side, and allowing the borrowers to move on with their lives. This freed up capital for some new and exciting businesses in our region.</p> <p>This was also the year that Taylor Layton from our CFDC was successful in the “Just Watch Me” video contest for Entrepreneurs with disabilities. Taylor is a big part of the recycle culture in our community, and an inspiration for entrepreneurs everywhere.</p> <p>Other positive things happened this year in that we made some solid progress with two regional initiatives that our CF has been involved in for some years. Lake Diefenbaker Tourism required some administrative and creative assistance. We made the decision to complete the Lake Diefenbaker guide in house, and acquired the software and training to get the job done.</p> <p>Our other regional partner, WaterWolf Planning Inc., finally saw the completion of the WaterWolf Growth Management Plan for our region and the thirty five municipalities that participated. We hope this lays the groundwork for more regional integration and co-operation in the future, and lays a solid foundation for investment in our region.</p>	