

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	2022-2023
Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation	
Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	18
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	2
Rural access to business development services	
3. Total number of business training session participants	96
4. Total number of business advisory services	251
Rural access to capital and leveraged capital	
5. Dollar value of loans	\$417,000
6. Total number of loans	5
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending ¹	19

Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)

It has been yet another very challenging year for the residents and the economy of our Northwest Alberta Region. Forestry and Agriculture remain relatively consistent albeit ongoing COVID 19 impacts, but there appears to be significant uncertainty and concerns resulting from the impacts of COVID.

Retention & Recruitment continues, once again, to be a significant issue for Northwest Alberta in all Sectors. CFNWA is continuing to work with our Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDI) and in promoting 'growing our own' and capacity building.