

## Performance Results for 2018-19 Community Futures Northwest Alberta

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 2018-19
<b><i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i></b>	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	<b>11</b>
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	<b>2</b>
<b><i>Rural access to business development services</i></b>	
3. Total number of business training session participants	<b>255</b>
4. Total number of business advisory services	<b>257</b>
<b><i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i></b>	
5. Dollar value of loans	<b>695,000</b>
6. Total number of loans	<b>9</b>
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending <sup>1</sup>	<b>15</b>

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

Northern Lakes College collaborated with the Regional Economic Development Initiative, and Community Futures Northwest to launch the REDI Business Bootcamp in the MacKenzie Region. The REDI Business Bootcamp offers a series of free courses that will help build capacity and meet specific training needs in the MacKenzie Region. All face-to-face courses are delivered regionally in the communities of High Level, Fort Vermillion and La Crete.

The REDI Business Bootcamp is a unique opportunity for entrepreneurs, managers and aspiring entrepreneurs to acquire essential business skills. The four aspects of the REDI Business Bootcamp are Business planning, Human Resources, Marketing, and Bookkeeping. The REDI Business Bootcamp training offers two delivery formats, one is the traditional, face-to-face delivery, and the second format is online through NLC LIVE Online™, which recreates the customary classroom setting in an online environment. Mike Osborn, General Manager for Community Futures Northwest said, "At Community Futures Northwest Alberta, we can provide loans and business support when traditional lenders can't and we can support any business in the Mackenzie Region. The REDI Business Bootcamp will provide our clients, as well as aspiring entrepreneurs and existing businesses, with an opportunity to expand their business skills right here at home."

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