

Community Futures North Cariboo

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.

Community Futures Performance Results	2025-26
<i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i>	
1. Number of community-based projects	20
2. Number of local and regionally based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	1
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>	
3. Number of business training session participants	66
4. Number of business advisory services	605
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>	
5. Value of loans	\$2,414,723
6. Number of loans	19
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending ¹	27
Provide additional information (e.g. success stories, links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc.)	
<p>Loans: The total value of loans distributed was \$2,414,723, exceeding our target by a significant amount. This was largely driven by higher succession lending utilized in purchasing existing businesses as well as new start-up lending, where business owners were unable to secure traditional financial institution loans.</p> <p>Training and Advisory Services: 605 Business advisory meetings and 66 business training participants well exceeds our targets by more than 30%</p> <p>Community Economic Development Grants Summary: CFNC provides grants for Community Economic Development projects. This year included; Billy Barker Days Society – Billy Barker Days Festival Quesnel and District Chamber of Commerce – Business Excellence Awards FARMED – Annual Event Quesnel Technics Gymnastics Club – Skills Development</p>	

¹ Estimated at the time of lending

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Quesnel Seedy Saturday Event

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Bowl for Kids Sake

Quesnel Tillicum Society – Pow Wow

Cariboo Volunteer Hub – Volunteer Fair

City of Quesnel and Cariboo Regional District – Boots and Toques Event

Quesnel and District Chamber of Commerce – International Women’s Day

International Women’s Day – Women in Leadership Event

Bouchie Lake Car Rally – Roads, Lines, and Trails

Voyageur School – School Garden

Quesnel Disc Golf – Course Construction

North Cariboo Senior’s Council – Info Booklet

Hallis Lake – Santa’s Cabin