

Performance Results for 2013-14 Community Futures Alberta Southwst

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:	33
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>	
2. Number of jobs created/ maintained/ expanded through business services	28.5
3. Number of business training session participants	153
4. Number of business advisory services	63
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>	
5. Dollar value of loans	\$747,223
6. Number of loans	10
Provide additional information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>A Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) project was conceived in the fall of 2013. With the financial support of Community Futures Crowsnest Pass, Alberta SouthWest Regional Development Alliance, Municipal Affairs Alberta, and Community Futures Alberta Southwest, Invest Canada – Community Initiatives (ICCI) funding was applied for and received for the regional project. The program was initiated in February of 2014 and continued throughout the year. Highlights included engaging 46 regional stakeholders (90 seats) in three FDI training sessions, establishing a regional investment taskforce, conducting over 100 business visitations, and producing a Regional FDI Strategy Framework document to utilize as a guide in implementing investment plans at a community and regional level.</p> <p>With this project we were able to leverage \$45,000 in regional and provincial partner funding for an additional \$32,000 in Federal ICCI funding to make this project work.</p>	