

Performance Results for 2024-25 Alberta Southwest

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		2024-25
<i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i>		
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)		2
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated		0
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>		
3. Total number of business training session participants		67
4. Total number of business advisory services		104
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>		
5. Dollar value of loans		\$470,000
6. Total number of loans		8
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending ¹		4
Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc.)		
<p>The rate of women-led businesses doubled from the previous year in Alberta Southwest, driving new business start-ups in retail, food service, service, and advisory businesses.</p> <p>Alberta Southwest continues to see strong interest in self-employment, as well as requests for advice for both new start up businesses and those looking to expand.</p> <p>Community Futures provides consulting services focused on assisting the new business owner with their essential planning and growth stages of a start-up, as well as advice for the expanding business on how best to leverage what they have built and expand for the future. We also offer education for those business owners looking to round out or sharpen their skillsets.</p>		

¹ Estimated at the time of lending