

## Performance Results for 2016-17 Community Futures 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*.

<b>Community Futures Performance Results</b>	<b>Results as of 2016-17</b>
<b><i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i></b>	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	<b>10</b>
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	<b>3</b>
<b><i>Rural access to business development services</i></b>	
3. Total number of business training session participants	<b>69</b>
4. Total number of business advisory services	<b>243</b>
<b><i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i></b>	
5. Dollar value of loans	<b>\$544, 274</b>
6. Total number of loans	<b>9</b>
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending <sup>1</sup>	<b>12</b>
Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>Community Futures Alberta Southwest had a pretty good year. Our business development efforts led to 9 loans throughout the region, totalling over \$520,000, and the creation of at least 11 jobs. Our loans were provided to start-up businesses as well as established and growing local organizations. We also helped train 69 individuals along the way and provided 243 advisory services within the region.</p> <p>Our Community Economic development efforts also saw some outcomes this year. Through the InvestSouthwestAlberta website, we were able to help or redirect some 13 organizations looking for more information about our region. These are companies looking to expand or looking to relocate to our region.</p> <p>With the addition of two new board members, the CFABSW took the opportunity to review and update our policies and procedures manual. Three of the four sections have been updated which leaves one section left for review during the next fiscal year. The board and staff have been working hard to find a new office in the Town of Fort Macleod. During 2017, the office will be relocated to Fort Macleod to better serve the needs of our clients. We will be more centrally located in a downtown location that has been completely renovated. We will erect new signage and be very visible within the community.</p>	

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