

Performance Results for 2016-17 Community Futures Powell River

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>97</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>177</b>
4. Total number of business advisory services	<b>688</b>
<b><i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i></b>	
5. Dollar value of loans	<b>\$517,026</b>
6. Total number of loans	<b>15</b>
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending <sup>1</sup>	<b>39</b>
Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>Walking into Relish Interiors, the first thing you see is a modern chandelier lighting up the store with a charming brilliance. This brilliance is reflected in award winning interior designer and Business owner Leah Rourke.</p> <p>Relish Interiors was born after Leah moved back to Powell River. Relish is a full service interior design firm specialized in custom window coverings. Leah customizes every project, making her clients' dreams a reality by balancing their artistic vision with a need for practicality.</p> <p>"Community Futures was instruments in helping me with my recent expansion. I was able to secure a loan that allowed me to increase my showroom space by adding a mezzanine for an office and storage. I purchased new and upgraded equipment and hired a sales person, office manager and installer"</p> <p>Leah's future plans include expansion to the Lower Sunshine Coast, which will include opening a second showroom location.</p>	

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