

Performance Results for 2018-19 CF Parkland

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 2018-19
<i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i>	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	26
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	4
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>	
3. Total number of business training session participants	550
4. Total number of business advisory services	181
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>	
5. Dollar value of loans	\$445,237
6. Total number of loans	5
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending ¹	17
Provide additional information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;">  \$2,042,000 leveraged in loans  \$445,237 to entrepreneurs in loans  \$354,647 leveraged for community projects  \$20,783 invested in entrepreneur & community grants, volunteer awards, and other community initiatives </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	
RWEN – Rural Women’s Entrepreneur Network	
This initiative was started in the summer of 2018 during an open screening of a documentary showcasing	

¹ Estimated at the time of lending

stories of inspiring and ambitious female entrepreneurs. From this initial gathering we (CF and the City) were successful in engaging a group of 35 women to create a supportive network that offered opportunities to network with others in the business community, aspiring entrepreneurs and participate in learning events that were driven and selected by the participants of the network.

The networks structure is a private Facebook community where the participants have shared their stories, their talents and their struggles in business. It has become a place where participants can learn from each other and have increased their own professional networks and use local businesses rather than reaching out to the big city when we hold so much talent here. This private Facebook community is where we as service providers use as a communication tool to the group about learning events, business opportunities and team building. In addition, we are currently meeting about once every 6 weeks for those learning events that are selected by the participants. Using this time to learn together and support each other has had tremendous impact and growth on the group. As service providers we have found this to be must – do in order to serve our business community the best we can. We are excited to say that the network has grown to 70 members in 10 months.