

Performance Results for 2018-19 Community Futures Peace Liard

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 Peace Liard</b>	<b>Results as of 2018-19</b>
<b><i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i></b>	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	<b>27</b>
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	<b>0</b>
<b><i>Rural access to business development services</i></b>	
3. Total number of business training session participants	<b>252</b>
4. Total number of business advisory services	<b>553</b>
<b><i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i></b>	
5. Dollar value of loans	<b>1,191,388</b>
6. Total number of loans	<b>22</b>
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending <sup>1</sup>	<b>40</b>
Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p><b>New Business The Meat Doctor</b></p> <p>The Meat Doctor is a new business that is a mobile kitchen serving fresh pulled pork, chicken &amp; beef sandwich buns on homemade bread. The meat is slow cooked and seasoned in a very unique delicious way in a brand new state of the art kitchen on wheels. This business offers catering throughout the region to major events including weddings, conferences, Dawson Creek Rodeo /Chuckwagon Sanction Event/Fall Fair. In their first few months in business that are fully booked.</p> <p>This business is destined to grow due to the unique way they present their kitchen on the site.</p> <p>The owners have amazing energy and personality and are an inspiration to other potential entrepreneurs on what can be done with knowing what is needed in the community. There is no other mobile kitchen that can compare with the Meat Doctor in the region. They also offer additional catering services with a complete menu. Businesses like this are a great asset to a small community.</p> <p>Community Futures provided the loan to purchase the custom designed Mobile Kitchen. Without our support the business would not have been able to launch.</p>	

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

Taurus Welding provides welding services in the oil and gas sector. There is a lack of trades in the entire northeast region and this loan provided an opportunity for a young welder starting out to get into the business and provide a secure income for himself and an opportunity to expand. The reason that this has been identified as a success story is that there is a need for trades and other services in all sectors including mining, forestry and oil and gas. Community Futures can provide coaching and loan support to attract trades people to assist local projects in the region.

#### Junior Dragons Den Championship Fort St John

The Junior Dragons Den is a competition designed in the same format as the Dragons' Den Series. With the help from funders BC Rural Dividend Funding and sponsorship from the region Community Futures was able to deliver a second Junior Dragons Den Competition in the Northeast.

In the 2017/18 competition three businesses from Tumbler Ridge Secondary School competed in the Provincial JDD in Trail. Two of the businesses won prize money to pursue their businesses. CFPL received an incredible amount of exposure which increases interest in young people starting their own businesses. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual JDD Championship planning started in June 2018.

In the 2018/19 there was an increase in applications from other communities making it a truly regional event. 7 businesses were mentored and prepared for the 2019 Championship. Competitors were from Tumbler Ridge, Fort St John, Dawson Creek and area. The Championship was held at the Stoneridge Pomeroy Hotel in Fort St John. There was a junior category grade 8,9&10 and a senior category grade 11 & 12. Business ranged from online Recipes, Organic Chickens, Lamb Production, Hotdog Stands, Henna tattooing, on line and in person secondary school tutoring. There were first, second and third prize cash prizes for both categories. First Prize winners won \$1000.00 to put towards their business.