

Performance Results for 2022-23 **Stó:lō Community Futures**

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	2022-23
<i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i>	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	17
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	1
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>	
3. Total number of business training session participants	137
4. Total number of business advisory services	2,380
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>	
5. Dollar value of loans	\$298,796
6. Total number of loans	6
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending ¹	311
Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>In partnership with the Chilliwack Innovation Network, Stó:lō Community Futures (SCF) was awarded a Digital Literacy grant to empower Indigenous and non-Indigenous entrepreneurs to create educational frameworks to learn digital literacy critical for entrepreneurs to become digital citizens and compete safely online marketplace. This also included Startup Hackathons, Game Jams to enhance digital tech, in addition to basic computer skills training for youth to elders/seniors.</p> <p>Vancity partnered with SCF to deliver the new Wealth Mindset – Indigenous Financial Resilience training programs that was developed with elders and Indigenous entrepreneurs in understanding budgeting. SCF’s Facilitator and SCF Business Analyst held various workshop.</p> <p>SCF offered five training programs from marketing to finance as well as emergency preparedness workshops for Indigenous businesses.</p> <p>SCF and Community Futures North Fraser received a second grant from the Economic Trust of the Southern Interior BC (ETSI-BC) to hire a Regional Recovery Advisor and provide support services to Indigenous and non-Indigenous businesses in rural and First Nations communities with populations under 25,000 within the ETSI service area. An Indigenous consultant was hired for this short-term contract.</p> <p>SCF is pleased to report that it met or exceeded its annual performance Targets for 2022-2023.</p>	

¹ Estimated at the time of lending

