

Performance Results for 2017-18 CFDC of Central Interior First Nations

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 2017-18
<b><i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i></b>	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	<b>2</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>150</b>
4. Total number of business advisory services	<b>150</b>
<b><i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i></b>	
5. Dollar value of loans	<b>\$504,279</b>
6. Total number of loans	<b>15</b>
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending <sup>1</sup>	<b>30</b>
Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p><b>T'it'q'et Economic Development Authority</b> - Is owned and operated by the members of T'it'q'et First Nation in Lillooet, in the central interior of BC. With the wild fires in BC, the T'it'q'et First Nation was surrounded by fires taking away their ability to gather food resources. It was a priority for the T'it'q'et First Nation, to develop a food security initiative for their members, in the event of a disruption or breakdown of the existing food supply chain by using locally available resources. Studies were conducted to determine needs of the T'it'q'et First Nation. CFDC of CIFN loan assisted T'it'q'et First with setting up an Intermediate Technology Food Processing Facility (ITFP). T'it'q'et First Nation provided 2.5 acres for farming, that was fitted with a drip irrigation system, drought tolerant crop, traditional speckled beans, and indigenous food security planting techniques, developing natural farming seed pods (one straw revolution, author Masanobu Fukuoka), cold storage, green houses, tested aeroponics and small solar panels.</p> <p>The Community development initiative is employing community members with potential careers in agriculture related fields, percentage of food harvested goes to Elders and community members. The project is packaging dehydrated foods that include fruit and vegetables, for local venues and food security, some produce is sourced from other farmers surplus harvests, to add to the volume of produce for the T'it'q'et First Nation members.</p> <p>Their product "Amlec" is now available in local venues. Economic opportunities developed with Branding and selling produce under the AMLEC brand which the main focus for the time being is garlic and garlic brokering, with new</p>	

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

products being developed. To date the dehydrator has produced in excess of 10,000 lbs of product for community use and retail sale.

The program also is working with Thompson Rivers University on hosting horticulture workshops, and a potential 10 month certified horticulture program that is planned for fall 2018. The program always wants to encourage the youth of the community, by annually setting up garden tours for hand on experiences.

Over the past two years the project has employed many community members. Volunteers from the community and also surrounding communities have offered their time exchange for knowledge and experience. With the ITFP in place and produce sold or packaged for distribution, T'it'q'et First Nation is pursuing St'at'imc certification with regard to growing standards within the St'at'imc Nation.

**Victor and Vera Adolph** - Owners and Operators of Fountain Flats Trading Post, Stone Canyon First Aid, Flagging and Security, Stone Pony Art Gallery

Victor and Vera Adolph are members of the Xaxalip First Nation, located 20 minutes just out of Lillooet, in the central interior of BC, they started developing after attending entrepreneurial training at CFDC of CIFN, in the late 1990's. The Fountain Flats Trading Post provides basic produce and grocery needs along with a gas station. They have since expanded the Trading Post with cold storage for produce and delivery bays. CFDC of CIFN also provided funding for their Stone Canyon Mobile First Aid, Flagging and Security Company. They have successfully maintained consecutive year contracts with the Province of BC Ministry of Forests and Highways. Employment opportunities have been created through the Trading Post, First Aid, Flagging and Security Company, local Xaxalip First Nation members. Victor and Vera Adolph also contribute toward the School District hot lunch program. They anticipate opening the Stone Pony Art Gallery in the future.

**Shannon Kilroy, owner of Earthline Fashions and Mountain Woman Contemporary.** Shannon Kilroy is a member of the Lower Nicola Band. Shannon has been designing clothes since the 1990's. Her preference is to utilize raw silk and hemp materials in her designs.

CFDC of CIFN funding assisted Shannon to expand her clothing line, where she created the Mountain Woman line of casual wear, these products can be found in various locations in the Okanagan she continuously networks events to display her casual wear and accessories.

Shannon recently participated in the Indigenous Fashion week in Vancouver. Her young models are from the Interior of BC.