

## Performance Results for 2024-25 CF Big Country

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		2024-25
<b><i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i></b>		
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)		<b>14</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>270</b>
4. Total number of business advisory services		<b>135</b>
<b><i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i></b>		
5. Dollar value of loans		<b>\$210,000</b>
6. Total number of loans		<b>7</b>
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending <sup>1</sup>		<b>16</b>
Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc.)		
<p>Home Share Drumheller, a partnership with Travel Drumheller, Town of Drumheller and the Drumheller and District Chamber of Commerce, was a core project in 2024-25. Funded by the Rural Opportunities Fund, this program is a community-based solution to the local housing shortage. Matching homeowners with spare rooms to people with short-term housing needs has helped local businesses find accommodation for seasonal employees and creates a bridge to permanent housing for new residents of the Drumheller area.</p> <p>Home Share Drumheller, along with Drum Discovery, our customer service and employee development program, are examples of community collaborations that enhance the local business environment.</p>		

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