

MINISTER'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION

Community Futures British Columbia

What unique initiative project or loan has your Community Futures created that warrants highlighting to the rest of British Columbia? **The Minister's Award for Excellence and Innovation** can gain your initiative provincial wide visibility and recognition as a successful practice. Submit an entry for **The Minister's Award for Excellence and Innovation** and you could win an award for the most innovative initiative in the province. Please ensure your entry meets the criteria below.

CRITERIA FOR SUBMISSION:

1. The initiative must demonstrate relevancy to the economic development goals of the Community Futures program:
 - a. Support of community economic development;
 - b. Diversification of the economy of British Columbia;
 - c. Support of creation and expansion of small and medium-sized enterprises;
 - d. Maintenance of employment and creation of new employment; and
 - e. Delivery of business services to rural communities in British Columbia;
2. The initiative should be transferable to another Community Futures location.
3. The initiative must have a proven record of accomplishment of at least one year.
4. The results of the initiative must have a measurable impact, such as number of new businesses, job creation/retention, raising skill levels, visibility to the community, awareness building of the Community Futures program and services, new product/service development, other economic spin offs, benefits to a disadvantaged group or individual, etc.
5. The initiative must demonstrate innovation and creativity in economic development.

Please feel free to request a Microsoft Word version of this form for ease of entry,
*Be sure to enclose any complementary materials or documentation relevant to the submission.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:

1. All entries must be received at the following coordinates by close of business day, no later than **Thursday, May 31, 2012 @ 4:00 pm.**

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JUDGING AND AWARD NOTIFICATIONS:

1. Judges will be selected jointly by the Community Futures British Columbia and Western Diversification, and will include representatives from throughout the province.
2. It will be the responsibility of the Community Futures British Columbia to forward submission forms to the judging panel. However, the Community Futures British Columbia will not take part in the judging process.
3. The selection process will be impartial and submissions will remain confidential.
4. Award recipients will be announced at the **Gala Dinner Event** during the **Community Futures Fall Conference in Nelson, B.C.**

Good Luck to Everyone!



