

WHO WE SERVE

- People Exploring Entrepreneurship
- Startups
- Established Businesses
- Entrepreneurs Facing Barriers
- Indigenous Entrepreneurs
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Community and Economic Developers
- Local & Regional Government Partners

We focus on **community economic development**, primarily in **rural and remote B.C.** communities.



WHAT IS COMMUNITY FUTURES?

Community Futures (CF) is a network of **non-profit organizations** with 267 offices across Canada. Together, we provide **business, economic, and community development services** primarily in **rural, non-metropolitan communities**. There are 34 CF offices in B.C., each independently governed by a local volunteer Board of Directors. The B.C. offices are members of Community Futures British Columbia (CFBC), our Association and provincial representative.

FIND YOUR NEAREST COMMUNITY FUTURES OFFICE

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RESOURCE HUB

SERVICES FOR STARTUPS, BUSINESSES, NON-PROFITS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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OUR SERVICES

MARKET GROWTH

One-on-one export support to expand beyond B.C. Free guidance from community-based Export Advisors.

WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS & CONSULTING

Online learning and one-on-one consulting for startups, established businesses, and non-profit organizations.

CF LOAN PROGRAM

Loans for startups, businesses and community economic development projects. Available exclusively from your nearest Community Futures office.

ACCESSIBLE, INCLUSIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Comprehensive supports for persons with disabilities to start or grow a business.

NEWS & INFORMATION

Like and subscribe to CFBC social media and newsletter for Resource Hub updates and other opportunities.

BUY OR SELL A BUSINESS + BUSINESS SUCCESSION

Business listings, price valuations, buy/sell mediation, workbooks and marketing tools. Free in B.C. until March 2026.

INDIGENOUS ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Indigenous-focused supports, advising, programs, access to funding opportunities, and more.

EMERGENCY PREPARATION, RESPONSE & RECOVERY

Tools and resources to build resilience against economic disruption or disaster, e.g. wildfire, flood, highway closure.

ELIGIBILITY

The Resource Hub is **available throughout B.C.**

All services are open to rural and remote B.C. communities, while select services may be open to urban clients as well.

“Remote and rural” is a location outside of metro Victoria and metro Vancouver.

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OUR LOANS

CF is a **developmental lender** offering repayable loans of **up to \$1 Million** for startups, established businesses and community economic development projects. Loans are **available exclusively from your nearest Community Futures office.**

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HOW LOANS CAN BE USED

- Startup expenses for a business or social enterprise
- Equipment purchase, tools & training
- Buying a business
- Business expansion & growth
- Recruitment, hiring, onboarding and training costs
- Marketing and web development
- Economic development initiatives
- And more!

RATES, TERMS & ELIGIBILITY

Varies by office.

HOW LOAN APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED

Our assessments are based on the *5 Cs of Lending*: **Character**, **Capacity**, **Conditions**, **Capital**, **Collateral**. Applications are reviewed by local volunteers with a background in business who understand your community's history, economic sectors, and economic needs.

HOW A CF LOAN IS DIFFERENT

We are a **non-profit lender** offering flexible financing options tailored to your community, skills, needs and financial situation. Our lending priority is **community economic development**. We want our clients to succeed!