

# 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

1-888-303-2232

## CONTACT CFBC

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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.

**Loans** are available from your nearest Community Futures office.



# 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!