

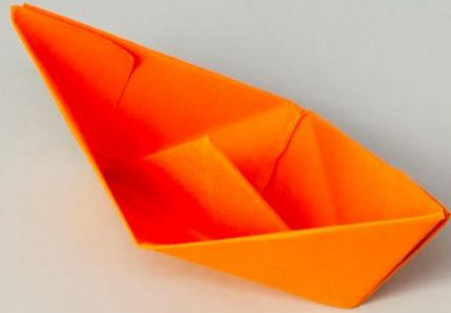


Community Futures Development Corporation

of North & Central Hastings and South Algonquin

2024-2025 Year in Review

Presented at the Annual General Meeting June 18, 2025



► Vision

Community Futures of North & Central Hastings and South Algonquin vision is to create sustainable self-reliant communities in our region.

► Mission

Community Futures Development Corporation of North & Central Hastings and South Algonquin provides programs and services to support enterprise, community-based development and employment in our region.

The Area We Serve

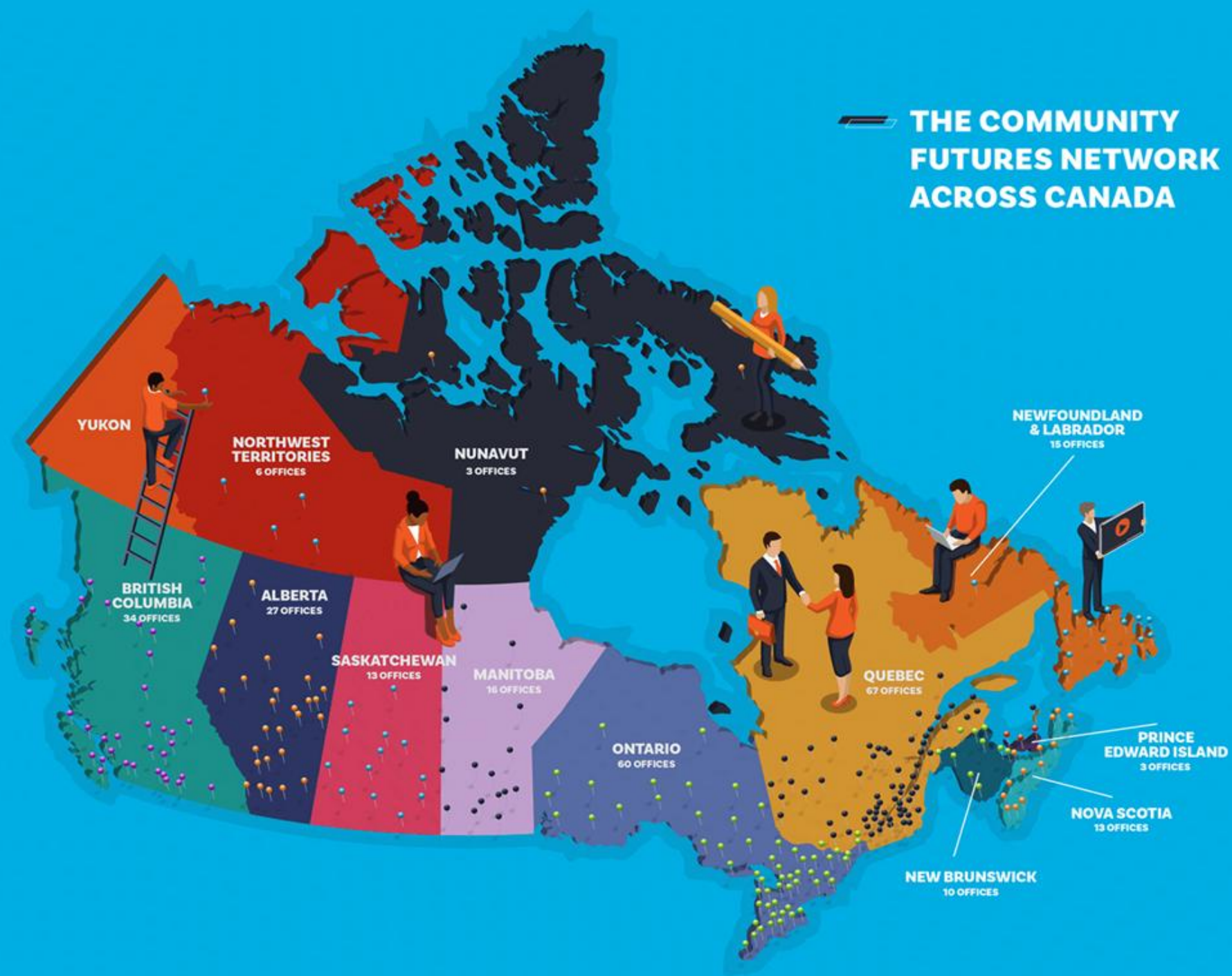




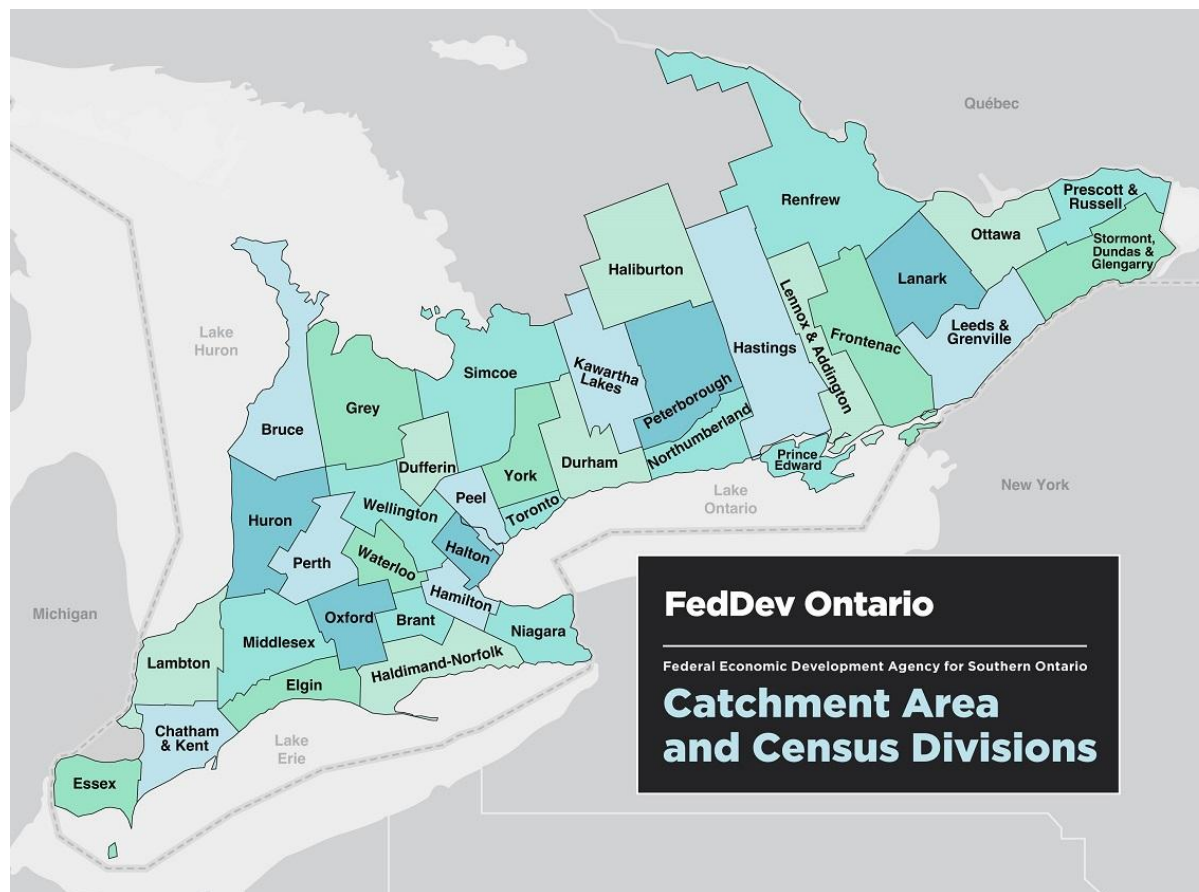
- ▶ As a community-based, non-profit organization, Community Futures of North & Central Hastings and South Algonquin is run by a board of local volunteers and staffed by professionals who encourage entrepreneurship and the pursuit of economic opportunity.

The Community Futures Program

Formally established in 1985, the Community Futures Program (CFP) plays a key role in business development in rural and remote communities across Canada. The goal of the CFP is to create jobs and foster new approaches to community economic development based on community strengths and infrastructures.



► In Southern Ontario, the Community Futures Program is supported by the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev)



“FedDev Ontario works actively to advance and diversify the southern Ontario economy through funding opportunities and business services that support innovation and growth in Canada’s most populous region.” <https://feddev-ontario.canada.ca/en/about-us/our-role>

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Canada 

Our Services



Business Counselling
and Training



Business Loans up to
\$300,000



Community Economic
Development



Business Counselling

Free, confidential, one-on-one business counselling

- ▶ Startup
- ▶ Business Plan Development
- ▶ Basic Bookkeeping
- ▶ Budgeting

A man with grey hair, wearing a grey polo shirt and a watch, is looking down at a tablet computer in his left hand. He is also holding a black pen over a large piece of brown paper on a table. The background is a blurred workshop or factory setting. The image is part of a presentation slide with a green and blue geometric design on the right side.

Business Financing Solutions

Financing of up to \$300,000 for a variety of business purposes

- ▶ Commercial Real Estate
- ▶ Operating Costs
- ▶ Cashflow
- ▶ Purchase of Equipment, Vehicles and Inventory



Retail Makeover Service

Merchandising workshops
and one on one support for
retail business

Community Economic Development

- ▶ Non-repayable funding to not-for-profits and municipalities under our **Local Initiative Program**.
- ▶ Eligible projects would contribute to the economic development of the region and target community priorities for growth and development.



Façade Improvement Grant-FIG

- Non-repayable funding to not-for-profits and for-profit organizations to assist with façade improvements that result in enhanced accessibility or have a positive environmental impact.





2024-2025 Results



Celebrating the achievements of our
team, volunteers and the clients we serve

Business Loan Results 2024-2025

29 Loans Disbursed

\$2.7 Million

Impacting 82 Jobs



Business Loans Since Inception

1322 Loans Disbursed

\$62 Million

Impacting 3871 Jobs

Loan Portfolio

March 31, 2025

134 Loans

\$9.6 Million



One On One Counselling Results in 2024/25

- ▶ 172 Counselling Sessions provided to 131 Non-Loan Individual Businesses.
- ▶ 142 Counselling Sessions with Loan Clients

Total of 314 Sessions!





6 Workshops and Training Events

- ▶ How To Become An Entrepreneur
- ▶ Fundraising and Donor Engagement
- ▶ Record Keeping-Keeping Your Business On Track
- ▶ Digital Marketing
- ▶ Sales Strategies For Your Business
- ▶ Juggling Work/Life Balance

Community Economic Development



**11 Projects Supported in
2024/25**

\$37,440

Stewarts of Eagles Nest Park

-Eagles Nest Trail Expansion Project

Little Blue Cabins

-Managed Fundraising Project

Tweed and Company Theatre

-ASL Interpretation

-Facade Improvement Grant

North Hastings Economic Development Committee

-Everyone is Welcome

Bancroft & District Chamber of
Commerce

-Best in Business

Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance

-Rockin the Trails

Tweed Hungerford Agricultural Society

-Holiday Market

Bancroft & District Chamber of Commerce

Best in Business Awards



Bancroft Brewing Co.

Accessibility Project
Façade Improvement Grant (F.I.G)



Client Testimonials 2024-2025



Boyes Psychotherapy, Bancroft

“Thank you to the incredibly warm, welcoming, and knowledgeable team at Community Futures! The Bancroft and surrounding community is so lucky to have access to this exceptional resource, especially young professionals. With the help of Carolyn Barker Brown and the CFDC team, I was able to seamlessly transition and expand Boyes Psychotherapy into our small community. I look forward to a continued and prosperous relationship with Community Futures and providing excellent mental health care to all in need!”

Arynne Boyes, Bancroft ON



Cube Coffee Bar, Tweed

“I am so grateful for the support of Community Futures and Carolyn Barker Brown in particular! Carolyn not only understood my vision to open a coffee shop in Tweed, but she also guided me through the process. I could not have realized this ambitious project without her support!

Aniko Fenyvesi, Owner



Maynooth Station Lodge

“Community Futures played a key role in helping us secure the funding we needed to bring our glamping vision to life. From the start, they were supportive, approachable, and genuinely invested in our success. Their guidance and belief in our project gave us the confidence and resources to move forward. We’re incredibly grateful for their partnership”

Jennifer Carr





Other Notable Achievements 2024-2025

- Updated ByLaws and Articles of Incorporation to be compliant with ONCA
- New IT system in place
- ED Succession Plan