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About Community Futures Winnipeg River

Community Futures Winnipeg River is a community-based regional economic development organization serving the North Eastman region of Manitoba. We are here to help our communities grow and prosper by supporting initiatives that generate employment, strengthen local economies and improve quality of life.

Our Services Include:

Community Development Services

- Strategic and operational planning
- Board training
- Research, planning and project management
- Workshop facilitation
- Funding applications

Business Development Services

- Business loans up to \$150,000
- Business planning assistance
- General business counselling
- Self Employment Program
- Entrepreneurial training

Current Business Services Statistics	Services Year to Date 2007/2008
Business Services	
Technical	91
Loans	170
Self-Employment	195
TOTAL	456
Financial Assistance	
Number of Loans	5
Value of Loans	\$302,861
Total Employment	13FT/15PT
Funds Leveraged	\$680,000

Migration Network Project Growing our Communities

Through the new **Migration Network Project**, Community Futures Winnipeg River, in partnership with Community Futures Triple R and CDEM (Economic Development Council for Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities), will be working with interested communities in Eastern Manitoba to help them develop plans to attract people from urban areas and other countries to relocate to our rural communities as an economic growth strategy.

Many of our communities are facing population decline, aging population, and out-migration of youth, and businesses and industries are facing shortages of skilled workers. In order for the communities in Eastern Manitoba to stabilize and grow, they need to attract and retain new residents. This project will help communities assess the availability of community resources to support a migration strategy (e.g., health care, schools, housing, language and cultural supports, etc.) as well as what gaps need to be filled. It will also provide the tools needed to help them to develop recruitment, integration, and retention plans, and methods to promote their communities as places to live and invest in.

To learn more about this project an information session is scheduled for **November 19th, 2007, Lac du Bonnet Community Centre, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** This information session will be of interest to Municipal Councils, Community Development Corporations, Chambers of Commerce, Health Authorities, School Divisions, Recreation Commissions, Financial Institutions, businesses and major employers looking to attract workers, real estate agents and developers, service clubs, and other community stakeholders interested in sustainable economic development and growth for their community.

2007 Small Business Week Celebration



Special thanks to our clients, sponsors, and all those attending for making our 2007 Small Business Celebration a smashing success. The guest speaker, Benita Stafford-Smith made an entertaining and thought-provoking presentation. Close to 100 people attended the event, and feedback received was very positive.

We are also a regional site for the Canada/Manitoba Business Service Centre, Community Connections Access site, and Service Canada Outreach site.



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Eastern Manitoba Career Symposium 2008 October 29th & 30th 2008

Make your calendars! The 2nd annual **Eastern Manitoba Career Symposium** will take place on **October 29th & 30th, 2008** in Beausejour Manitoba at a new location - the Brokenhead River Recreational Complex. This dynamic event is sure to be rewarding and informative for all those involved.

Free Business Seminars

Below is the link for descriptions of upcoming Video Conference Seminars hosted by CF Winnipeg River in November. Please contact our office to register.

[November Business Seminars](#)

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