

Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF)

Please be advised that the federal and provincial governments have opened the RRRF.

The RRRF is a Covid-related economic benefits fund that is designed to be a "stop-gap" fund that addresses negative impacts resultant from the Covid pandemic to businesses that have found that they are not eligible for the other benefit packages that have been previously released (ie. CERB, CEBA and/or the BCAP).

The program is being delivered by your local Community Futures office. One of our primary challenges is identifying RRRF eligible businesses as many companies have already applied to the other programs. However, we have identified that the agricultural industry, in particular the ranching sector, may contain businesses that are eligible for the RRRF program.

The most efficient way to see if your business is eligible for RRRF funding is to go to the Community Futures British Columbia homepage on the internet (https://www.communityfutures.ca/), click on the banner at the very top of the page that reads "APPLY ONLINE FOR CF RRRF FUNDING", and take a look through the application. You must apply here as the application returns have been centralized and are being forwarded to the local CF offices from the centralized database.

Please note that to be eligible, your small or medium-sized business 1) must have been established prior to March 2020, 2) can be shown to have been viable prior to the Covid pandemic, and 3) has suffered, or will suffer, negative economic impacts due to the Covid situation that can be verified through documentation.

Of course, we are here to help. If you have any concerns, questions and/or comments about the RRRF program and/or the application process – please call me at the Community Futures Stuart Nechako office and I'll do my best to assist you.

Thank you,

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