

# Community Futures



Building communities one idea at a time

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## What If Campaign

In 1985, Community Futures was launched to:

- Support rural communities and small and medium-sized (SMEs) enterprises
- Provide long-term community develop strategies to help diversify the local economies
- Build community capacity as a means of helping rural communities adapt to and manage change

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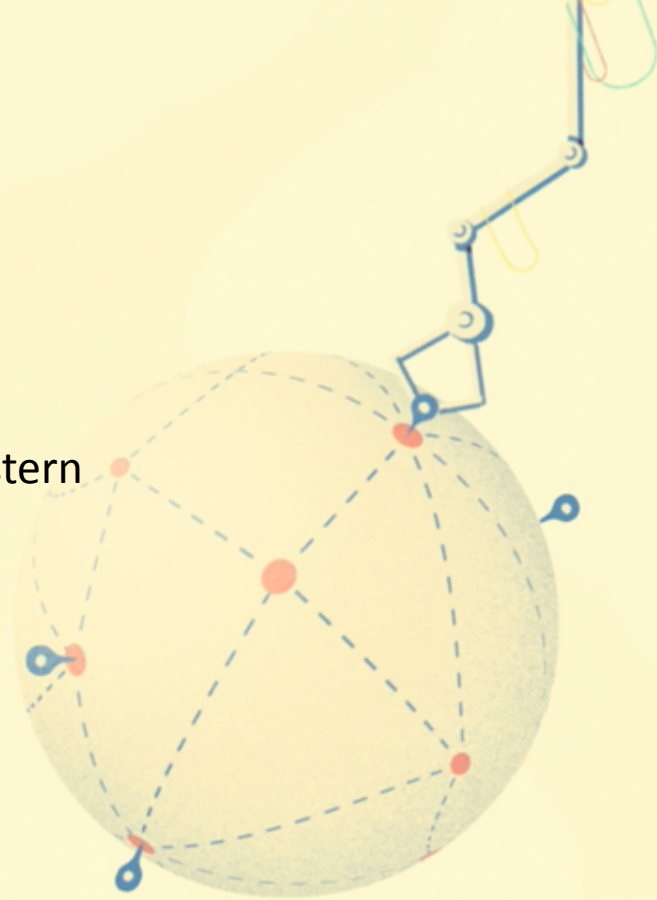


## What If Campaign:

The aim of the Community Futures program in Western Canada is to support:

1. Community Economic Development (CED)
2. Diversify the economy
3. Create and expand small and medium-sized enterprises
4. Maintain and create new jobs
5. Maintain Canada's capacity to deliver business services to rural communities in Western Canada

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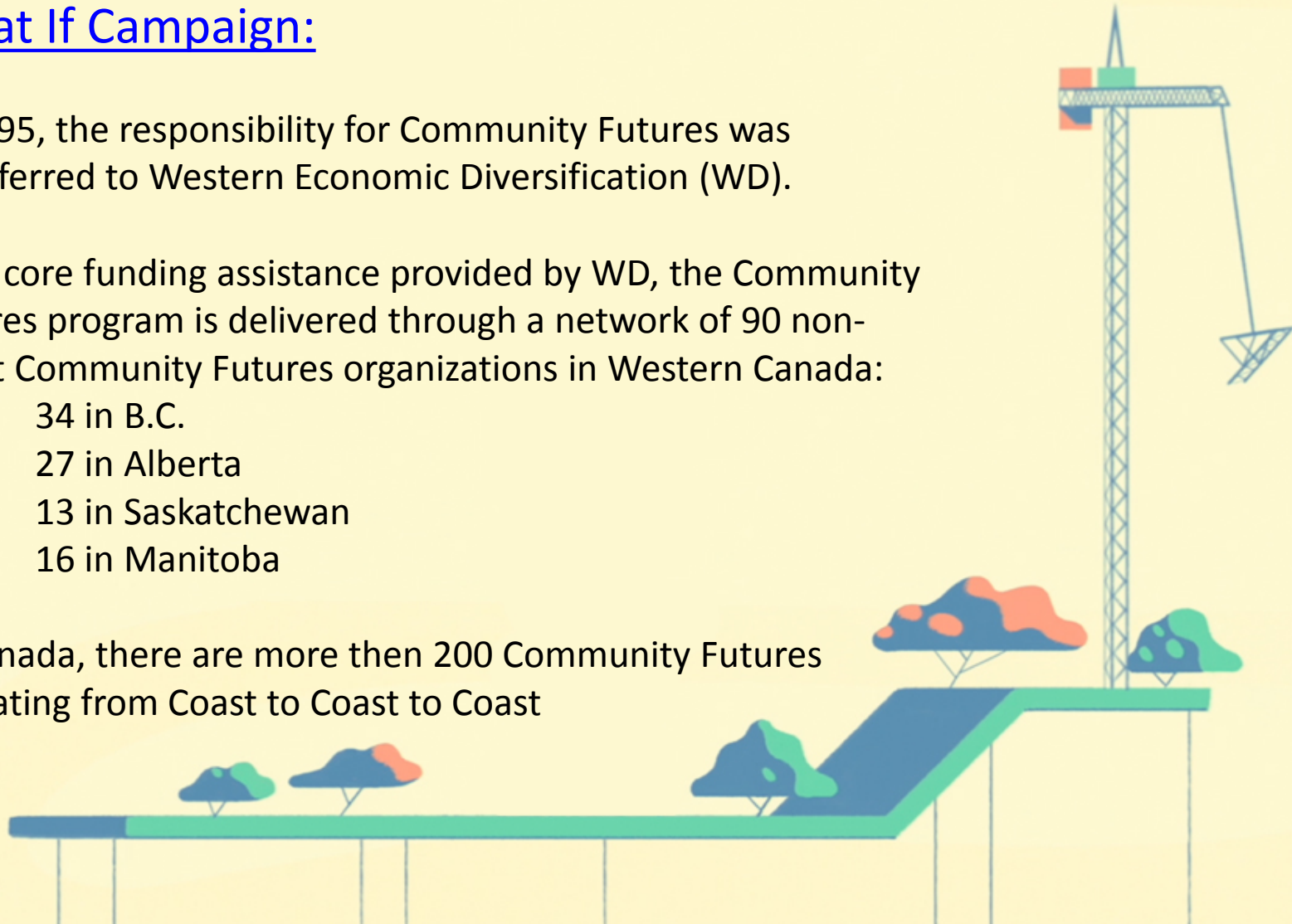
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In 1995, the responsibility for Community Futures was transferred to Western Economic Diversification (WD).

With core funding assistance provided by WD, the Community Futures program is delivered through a network of 90 non-profit Community Futures organizations in Western Canada:

- 34 in B.C.
- 27 in Alberta
- 13 in Saskatchewan
- 16 in Manitoba

In Canada, there are more than 200 Community Futures operating from Coast to Coast to Coast

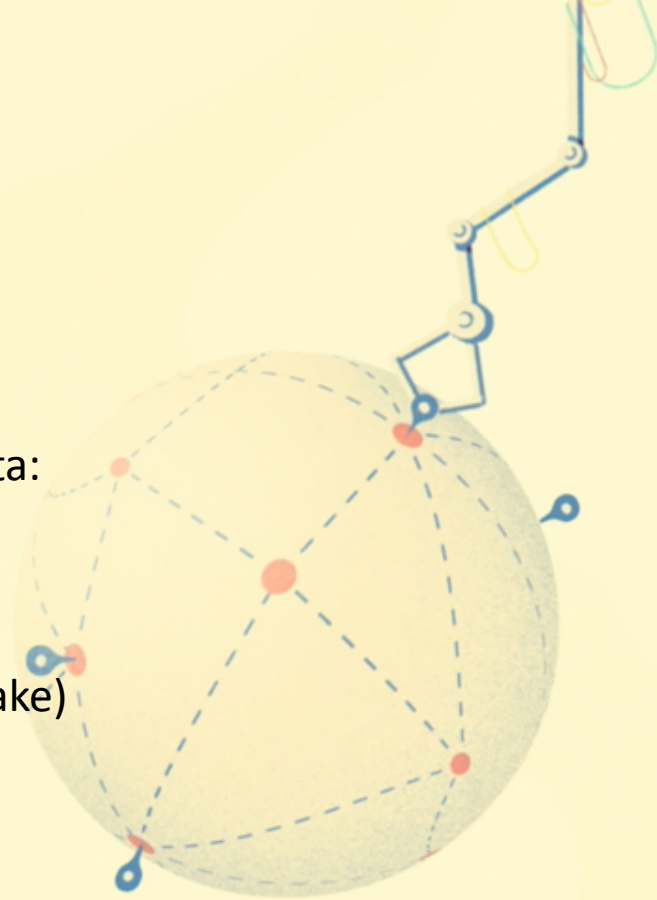


## What If Campaign:

There are 11 Community Futures in Northern Alberta:

- Community Futures Lac La Biche
- Community Futures Elk Island (Two Hills)
- Community Futures Grand Prairie & Region
- Community Futures Lakeland (Bonnyville/Cold Lake)
- Community Futures Lesser Slave Lake
- Community Futures Northwest (High Level)
- Community Futures St. Paul/ Smoky Lake
- Community Futures Tawatinaw  
(Westlock/Athabasca)
- Community Futures Yellowhead (Hinton)
- Community Futures Wood Buffalo (Fort McMurray)
- Community Futures Yellowhead East (Whitecourt)

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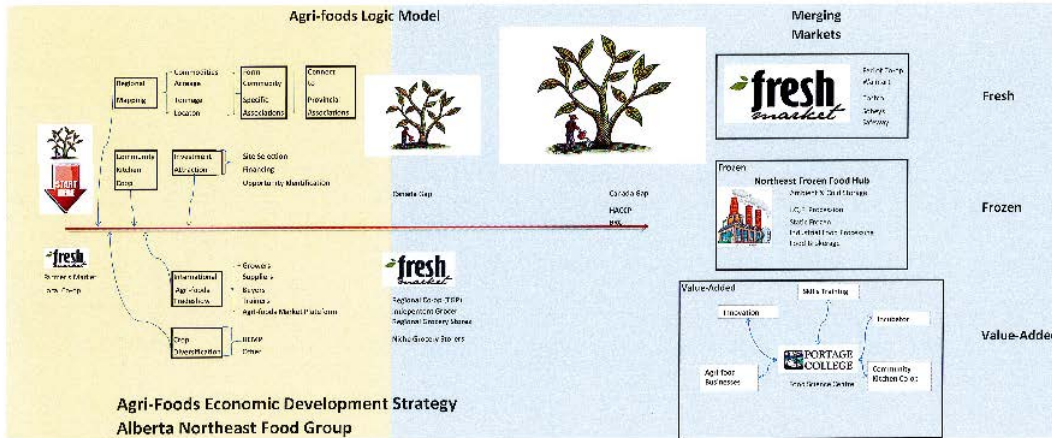


## What If Campaign:

What we offer:

- Small Business Loans (\$ 150,000):  
Youth, Persons with Disabilities & General Loan Fund
- Small Business Counselling (one-on-one)
- Small Business Training
- Economic Diversification:
  - Cluster Development
  - Innovative Investments





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What If Campaign:

Our Partners Include:

- Futurpreneur (Finance up to \$45,000 and Mentorship for 18-39 Yrs.)
- Alberta Women Entrepreneurs (\$150,000 & Mentorship)
- Business Development Bank (Finance & Consulting)
- Biz Link (Business Resources)
- Canada Small Business Financing Program
- Canadian Rural Revitalization Network
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

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# Questions