

Hello Slocan Valley Business-

I'd love to chat one-on-one to see how you are doing after the wildfire season in the Slocan Valley this summer, but surprise, surprise I can't seem to find the time to fit you all in!

So, I'd like to pass on some info on a pretty niche, time-limited offerings from Community Futures BC that was made available to our businesses in the Slocan Valley due to the impacts we felt from the wildfires this summer.

1. **Free Workshops:** You can access a wide range of FREE workshops through the Community Futures network that often have a fee attached to them. FREE to any business in the Slocan Valley – and may be available for your staff to train up on as well! See here for current workshops you'd have access to: <https://www.mycommunityfuturesbc.ca/supports/workshops/>

2. **Training Costs Reimbursement:** If your business had over \$15K in gross sales over the last year, you may qualify for up to \$5,000 in Business Training Reimbursement. We cover up to 80% of a course/training you complete before Dec 31 OR...If you have taken a course/training related to your business in the last couple of years you may qualify for reimbursement of those fees (again, 80% up to \$5,000). Some conditions apply:

Funding of successful applicants is provided as a reimbursement, not as a grant. Qualifying businesses may apply for a reimbursement to cover business training costs for education, training and/or certification that directly relates to the business's ongoing resilience and sustainability. If your request is approved, you will be required to submit receipts and a certificate of successful completion in order to receive the reimbursement. Funds are limited and priority is given to businesses that have been negatively impacted by a disaster.

3. **Free Professional Consulting:** Get connected to experts in marketing, strategy, recruitment, insurance, legal, succession, finances, leadership,

human resources, and more. Priority is given to disaster-impacted businesses. See here for list of consultants: https://www.mycommunityfuturesbc.ca/supports/consulting_list/

4. **Peer Masterminds:** Work with fellow entrepreneurs in a peer mastermind cohort to accomplish goals through a combination of brainstorming, group problem-solving, and accountability under the guidance of an experienced Facilitator. Each Peer Mastermind cohort kicks off with an exclusive workshop delivered by the facilitator on the selected topic, followed by 4-8 weeks of live meetings where participants will be able to work on the topic within their business, then bring learning, challenges, or roadblocks back to the group for discussions. Peer Masterminds are live and there are no recordings. Participants may be expected to complete additional take-home tasks between sessions.

Here's all you need to do:

1. Visit <https://mycommunityfuturesbc.ca/clients/login.php>
2. LOGIN if you have a myCF Account or Create an Account
<https://mycommunityfuturesbc.ca/application.php>
3. Fill out the Application Form.
4. Follow the Instructions.

If you have any questions, contact me, Ron LeBlanc Slocan Valley Economic Development Coordinator
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Free Services for disaster-impacted businesses

Strengthen and grow your disaster-impacted -business with free services from Community Futures!
Access Workshops, Peer Masterminds, Training Reimbursement and Consulting from our experts in rural business.

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