

Who We Are

- Community-based regional economic development organization since 1988
- One of 16 CFDC's in Manitoba
- Serving North Eastern Manitoba
- Funded through Western Economic Diversification Canada
- Volunteer Board of Directors (15)
- · 4 full-time staff





Business Development Services

- Counselling, information, and referrals for new & existing entrepreneurs
 - Marketing Planning, Social Media, Website
 - Market Research
 - Regional site for Business InfoCentre (BIC)
- Business planning
 - Templates
 - Review and assistance



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Investment Loan Funds

- Provide repayable term loans to create new businesses/maintain or expand existing ones
- \$150,000 maximum
- In 30 years, 289 loans valued at \$10,639,263 were provided to create or maintain 830.5 jobs



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Self Employment Program

- Administered on behalf of Manitoba Education and Training
- Opportunity for EI-eligible people to start their own business while on EI
- 295 participants since program inception



Community Development Services

- Project Planning regional projects & community partnerships
- Strategic planning services
- Assistance with preparing funding proposals
- Board training and development
- CED information resource support
- Regional Economic Development Strategy

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Regional Economic Goals

- 1. Strengthen and diversify the economic base and workforce of the region.
- 2. Enhance physical infrastructure and services within the region to support business development and high quality living.
- 3. Strengthen human resource capacity required for economic development.
- 4. Increase visitation and population within the region.

CFWR Resource Centre

- Regional site for the Business InfoCentre (BIC) World Trade Centre Winnipeg
- Information services for non-profit corporations
- Service Canada Outreach Site



WTC Business InfoCentre

- Serving future and existing business
 owners http://www.wtcwinnipeg.com/en/bic/
- Wide range of business related seminars, webinars and online training generally free!

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WTC Business InfoCentre Customized market research – 1 free hour per business per year, then \$85/hr Sample business plans Business lists Demographic statistics Market research Industry reports Biz Grid Business Support Directory

- Online tool to navigate available resource agencies

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- Information for starting/managing a business
 - Business planning
 - Registering a business
 - Financial assistance programs
 - Taxes & regulations
 - Permits & licenses
 - Import & export procedures



WTC Trade Services

- Support to Manitoba companies looking to grow their business beyond Manitoba
- Help identify and pursue Targeted Trade Opportunities (TTOs), explore new markets, and seek international partnership opportunities
- Provide services to international companies interested in doing business with Manitoba companies.

WTC Trade Services

- · Services include:
 - Trade information and advisory services
 - Contacts and introductions
 - Matchmaking services
 - Trade education and training
 - Centrallia international business to business forum to generate trade opportunities

