

Economic Development Programs Supported by CWF

British Columbia

Nanaimo Foodshare Society, Nanaimo

2003-2008: \$235,200 over five years

WE FEAST (Women's Entrepreneurship, Food Enterprise and Skill Training Program) is a self-employment training program for unemployed or underemployed women. Participants learn how to develop sustainable, food-related businesses and products that can be marketed at farmers' markets, craft fairs, public events etc.

Alberta

Momentum, Calgary

2003-2008: \$270,200 over five years

The Women's Venture Program is a self-employment training program for low-income women. Participants learn how to develop a small business as a means to increase their assets and achieve a sustainable livelihood for themselves and their families.

Manitoba

Native Women's Transition Centre, Winnipeg

2008: \$25,000

The *Completing the Circle Mentorship Program* will use funds to develop a new local and web-based social enterprise to market the arts and crafts of local Aboriginal artists, mentors and mentees.

The Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan, Winnipeg

2008: \$25,000

The *Nyam, Nyam Catering Worker Cooperative and EarthLink Cleaning Worker Cooperative*, with assistance of SEED Winnipeg, will use project funds to develop and implement a training component for a catering business and a cleaning co-operative including expansion of the two ventures. The program targets adult women refugees from Sudan.

North End Women's Centre, Winnipeg

2008: \$25,000

The *Emergency Wages Program* will help women to move from financial crisis to stability by building employability skills in retail operations through participation in a social purpose enterprise. The program targets Aboriginal women in inner city and north end Winnipeg.

Nova Scotia

Women's CED Network/WEE Society, Halifax and regions

2008: \$25,000

The *Women Unlimited Program* will use funds to engage in a comprehensive program review of their women in trades and technology program and to build a five to seven year expansion plan to



ensure the program's continued success and viability and to allow it to expand to new sites across the province.

Newfoundland

Stella Burry Community Services Inc., St. John's

2008: \$25,000

The *Hungry Heart Café Customer Service Training Program* will provide training and employment placements to women with a history of conflict with the law at the organization's successful and growing social enterprise. The goal of the program is to reduce the possibility of recidivism by developing women's employment skills.

Ontario

Community MicroSkills Development Centre, Toronto

2003-2008: \$270,200 over five years

The Business Counselling Services for Women Entrepreneurs program is for women who have started businesses that are still viable after six months to one year, but who are not yet economically self-sufficient. They must want to grow their businesses by identifying and implementing strategies to achieve business growth.

PARO, Thunder Bay

2003-2008: \$260,200 over five years

PARO's innovative Incubator/Accelerator program supports women during the launch and early growth of their small business ventures. They provide expert advice and help with developing strategies, financing support, information technology planning, alliance building and marketing.

YWCA of Greater Toronto, Toronto

2003-2008: \$182,281 over five years

The YWCA's LinksToJobs is establishing a community-based employment agency as part of the YWCA Skills Development Centre. The initiative offers a range of services to women and employers, including employment matching, paid work placements, computer and typing testing, on-the-job coaching, small business services and out-placement services. For the women participating, this bridging program will not only offer links and matches to jobs but also provide critically needed "on-the-job" support.

Women's Centre of York Region, Aurora

2003-2008: \$189,883 over five years

The Enterprising Women program focuses on self-employment development and training for low income women. Program topics include market research, business plan development, cash flow projections and budgeting. Follow up one-on-one business counselling is also included.

Québec

Fonds d'Emprunt Communautaire Feminin, Lachute

2003-2008: \$241,651 over five years

This self-employment training program offers coaching and support for 140 women starting small businesses. Women who want to work in a group can join the Women's Loan Circle; a collective approach that emphasizes peer support. Training and individual coaching are offered to help



prepare and improve participants' business plans. Participants can also access technical and financial support.

Compagnie F, Montréal

2003-2008: \$270,200 over five years

Compagnie F operates a light lunch café and provides self-employment training and coaching for women entrepreneurs. The goal of the initiative is to support women entrepreneurs with the tools and training to improve their marketing and promotional skills. This is offered through practical exercises, workshops, mentoring and networking activities.