Update from Community Futures Big Country

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* Community Futures Big Country is now open by appointment only. Please call Alison or Michael at [(403) 823-7703](tel:+14038237703) or contact us by email for an appointment or inquiries.
* Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF) loans are now available. This loan program provides funding to support businesses that were established and viable as of March 1, 2020 and have not received supports through other federal support programs, such as the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA). The business must have been adversely impacted because of the COVID-19 pandemic. More information and an online application portal is available at [www.cfbigcountry.ca](http://www.cfbigcountry.ca).
* We are also developing a Voucher for Business Services program. Interested clients will be asked to complete a Business Relaunch / Adaptation Plan, outlining your business support needs. Through this program, Community Futures Big Country would help pay for services related to your relaunch and future success.

Potential business support services might include:

* Guidance and coaching to businesses that require major changes to remain viable, are shifting their business delivery model or require other significant changes or intervention to reopen during the COVID-19 pandemic.
* Overview of business cash flow and development of strategic plan to address problems
* Bookkeeping Services
* Legal Services and Advice related to business structure and decisions
* Purchase business and/or accounting software, including support and/or training
* Business training and/or relevant business courses
* Equipment or appliance repair
* Infrastructure repair and/or business adaptation
* Other additional relevant business support services