

**COMMUNITY FUTURES NETWORK OF ALBERTA - COMMUNITY FUTURES
LENDING AND INVESTMENT POOL OF ALBERTA FUND**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended March 31, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: The directors of
Community Futures Network of Alberta

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Community Futures Network of Alberta - Community Futures Lending and Investment Pool of Alberta Fund, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2025, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at March 31, 2025, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with (the "Agreement".)

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to note 2 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared to assist the organization to meet the requirements of the Agreement. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Agreement, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, continued

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements, continued

- ♦ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- ♦ Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.
- ♦ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- ♦ Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- ♦ Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Lethbridge, Alberta

September 11, 2025

Chartered Professional Accountants

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at March 31, 2025

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash (note 4)	\$ 492,474	\$ 5,977,003
Short-term investments (note 5)	41,407,498	23,774,400
Portfolio investments held in trust (note 6)	27,757,920	25,969,075
Lines of credit receivable held in trust (note 7)	7,010,159	7,130,315
	<u>\$ 76,668,051</u>	<u>\$ 62,850,793</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 57,789	\$ 54,434
Due to Community Futures Network of Alberta - operations (note 8)	39,401,390	28,376,614
Due to Community Futures Development Corporations (note 9)	24,385,837	23,771,001
	63,845,016	52,202,049
Due to Prairies Economic Development Canada (note 10)	<u>7,000,000</u>	<u>7,000,000</u>
	70,845,016	59,202,049
Net assets		
Share capital (note 11)	27	27
Externally restricted	3,487,069	3,063,551
Externally restricted - RRRF	2,335,939	585,166
	5,823,035	3,648,744
	<u>\$ 76,668,051</u>	<u>\$ 62,850,793</u>

Approved on behalf of the board:

Directors _____

Directors _____

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For the year ended March 31, 2025

	2025	2024
Revenue		
Investment income - RRRF	\$ 1,784,477	\$ 434,022
Investment income	211,696	214,944
Interest from lines of credit	132,309	141,422
	2,128,482	790,388
Expenses		
Interest transferred to CFNA operating	208,544	-
Professional fees	104,683	65,924
	313,227	65,924
Excess of revenue over expenses from operations	1,815,255	724,464
Other income		
Gain on change in fair value of portfolio investments	359,036	235,049
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 2,174,291	\$ 959,513

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
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	Externally restricted	Externally restricted - RRRF	Total 2025	Total 2024
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 3,063,551	\$ 585,166	\$ 3,648,717	\$ 2,689,204
Excess of revenue over expenses	423,518	1,750,773	2,174,291	959,513
Balance, end of year	\$ 3,487,069	\$ 2,335,939	\$ 5,823,008	\$ 3,648,717

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended March 31, 2025

	2025	2024
Cash flows from operating activities		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 2,174,291	\$ 959,513
Adjustment for item which does not affect cash		
Gain on change in fair value of portfolio investments	(359,036)	(235,049)
	1,815,255	724,464
Change in non-cash working capital item		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,355	(516)
	1,818,610	723,948
Cash flows from investing activities		
Repayment of lines of credit receivable held in trust	120,156	1,402,704
Advances of lines of credit held in trust	-	(133,934)
Purchase of investments	(41,749,134)	(23,618,347)
Sale of investments	22,686,226	4,955,213
	(18,942,752)	(17,394,364)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Advances from Community Futures Network of Alberta - operations	11,024,776	21,614,503
Deposits by Community Futures Development Corporations	1,614,837	1,804,549
Withdrawals by Community Futures Development Corporations	(1,000,000)	(2,687,020)
	11,639,613	20,732,032
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(5,484,529)	4,061,616
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	5,977,003	1,915,387
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 492,474	\$ 5,977,003

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1. Nature of operations

Originally formed under the Societies Act of Alberta as Community Futures Network Society of Alberta on September 27, 1996, the organization provided membership services to Alberta Community Futures Development Corporations ("CFDCs"). At the request of the membership, Community Futures Lending and Investment Pool of Alberta was formed under Part 9 of the Alberta Corporations Act. Each share issued was accompanied by a Community Futures Lending and Investment Pool – Cash Pooling Agreement signed between the Society and each shareholder.

On March 31, 2006, the Society was dissolved, and assets transferred to Community Futures Lending and Investment Pool of Alberta. Effective April 1, 2006, Community Futures Lending and Investment Pool of Alberta formally changed its name to Community Futures Network of Alberta ("CFNA").

The purpose of the Community Futures Network of Alberta (the "organization") is to support the functioning of the Community Futures ("CF") program in Alberta and to provide membership services to the 27 Alberta CFDCs.

Community Futures Lending and Investment Pool ("CFLIP") is a division of CFNA and provides Alberta CFDCs with a membership focused pool to invest excess funds and/or to provide Alberta CFDCs with a preferred source for incremental investment fund monies.

The organization is exempt from income tax under section 149.1 (1) of the Income Tax Act (the "Act"). To maintain its status as a tax-exempt entity under the Act, the organization must meet certain requirements within the Act. In the opinion of management, these requirements have been met.

2. Basis of preparation

These statements have been prepared in accordance with the reporting conditions outlined in the contribution agreement between Prairies Economic Development Canada and Community Futures Network of Alberta dated March 29, 2021 (the "Agreement"). This Agreement requires the use of Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, except that the statements of financial position, results of operations, and cash flows of CFLIP be presented in a separate financial statement. Accordingly, these financial statements do not reflect all the assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses related to CFNA.

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3. Significant accounting policies

The organization follows accounting principles generally accepted in Canada in preparing its financial statements. The significant accounting policies used are as follows:

(a) Revenue recognition

The organization recognizes income from portfolio investments, net of the share allocated to CFDCs. Income from fixed income instruments is recognized based on bond yield. Income from equity instruments is recognized on settlement dates for dividends declared. Income from balanced funds is recognized based on their respective components of fixed income and equities.

Interest income is recognized as earned, net of amounts earned by CFDCs.

(b) Financial instruments

The organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The organization subsequently measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for portfolio investments, which are subsequently measured at fair value.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, accounts receivable, and lines of credit receivable in trust. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and amounts due to CFDCs and Prairies Economic Development Canada.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consists of balances held within Canadian banks.

(d) Investments

Portfolio investments with prices quoted in an active market are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recorded in excess of revenue over expenses.

(e) Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the Agreement requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

4. Cash

		2025		2024
CFLIP	\$	372,950	\$	791,546
Regional Relief and Recovery Fund		119,524		5,185,457
	\$	492,474	\$	5,977,003

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5. **Short-term investments**

Short-term investments consist of Regional Relief and Recovery Fund repayments received from member CFDCs and invested in money market funds. The investment is recorded at fair value, which equals cost plus accrued interest.

6. **Portfolio investments held in trust**

	Investment policy			2025	% of portfolio	2024	% of portfolio
	Min	Max	Target				
	%	%	%				
Traditional income							
Cash amount	0%	40%	0%	\$ 3,608,529	13.0%	\$ 4,388,773	16.9 %
Canadian bonds	0%	50%	30%	5,079,699	18.3%	4,622,495	17.8 %
	10%	50%	30%	8,688,228	31.3%	9,011,268	34.7%
Non-traditional income							
Lending	0%	35%	10%	3,247,677	11.7%	3,012,413	11.6 %
Agriculture	0%	25%	5%	1,582,201	5.7%	1,480,237	5.7 %
Multi strategy	0%	40%	5%	1,332,380	4.8%	441,474	1.7 %
Infrastructure	0%	25%	5%	2,914,582	10.5%	2,700,784	10.4 %
Real estate	0%	25%	5%	2,914,582	10.5%	2,674,815	10.3 %
Sustainable							
Timberland	0%	25%	5%	1,304,622	4.7%	-	- %
	20%	60%	40%	13,296,044	47.9%	10,309,723	39.7%
Traditional capital appreciation							
Canadian equity	0%	25%	5%	1,415,654	5.1%	1,999,619	7.7 %
US equity	0%	25%	5%	1,138,075	4.1%	1,012,794	3.9 %
International equity	0%	25%	5%	360,853	1.3%	337,598	1.3 %
Emerging markets	0%	10%	0%	-	-%	649,227	2.5 %
	0%	40%	15%	2,914,582	10.5%	3,999,238	15.4%
Non-traditional capital appreciation							
Global equity	0%	25%	5%	2,859,066	10.3%	2,648,846	10.2 %
				\$ 27,757,920		\$ 25,969,075	

Total investment income earned on portfolio investments and the lines of credit was \$1,156,433 (2024 - \$1,270,014), and total professional fees incurred was \$238,587 (2024 - \$234,939). Members were allocated 70.25% of these amounts (2024 - 71.94%), for earnings by members of \$805,640 (2024 - \$898,591) and professional fees allocated of \$167,614 (2024 - \$169,015).

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7. Lines of credit receivable held in trust

Community Futures Network of Alberta - Community Futures Lending and Investment Pool of Alberta Fund issues lines of credit to CFDC members. Currently, lines of credit approved have maximum amounts ranging from \$750,000 to \$4,200,000. Repayments are interest only at the prime rate, with balances due from 2025 to 2026. The lines of credit are secured by a general security agreement and demand promissory notes.

8. Due to Community Futures Network of Alberta - operations

	2025	2024
Regional Relief and Recovery Fund payments received	\$ 39,372,190	\$ 28,376,614
Interest transfer	29,200	-
	<u>\$ 39,401,390</u>	<u>\$ 28,376,614</u>

During the year, there was \$13,644,358 of RRRF repayments transferred from CFNA to be invested and \$2,648,783 withdrawn from investments that was transferred to CFNA.

In addition, an interest transfer of \$208,544 was approved by PrairiesCan to CFNA's operating fund with \$29,200 left to be transferred subsequent to year end.

9. Due to Community Futures Development Corporations

CFDCs are independent organizations delivering the Community Futures program in their respective regions within Alberta. Due to CFDCs consists of funds due based on their proportionate investments held in trust. The amount payable to the individual members includes income generated net of professional fees of the fund in proportion to their investment. This amount is classified as current due as members may request to withdraw their funds at any time.

The CFLIP investments are managed by CFNA. The net earnings allocated to each CFDC is based on average balances for each CFDC throughout the year. CFNA earns approximately 30% (2024 - 30%) of net earnings before CFNA's administrative withdrawal from the CFLIP fund.

10. Due to Prairies Economic Development Canada

This consists of a conditionally repayable contribution to the organization for an eligible investment fund deposit. The contribution is repayable to Prairies Economic Development Canada if the organization is in default or non-compliance with its funding agreement with Prairies Economic Development Canada, upon termination or non-renewal of the funding agreement, or upon notice from the Minister that the investment pool is no longer necessary or no longer providing benefit.

As of March 31, 2025, no such notice had been given by the Minister.

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11. Share capital

Issued

		2025	2024
27	Common voting shares	\$ 27	\$ 27

12. Financial instruments

Concentration of credit risk

The organization does have concentration of credit risk as approximately 91% of its lines of credit receivable are concentrated in three facilities (2024 - 89%). In the opinion of management, there is minimal risk associated with the collection of these amounts.

Interest rate risk

The organization is exposed to interest rate risk due to the variable rate interest on its lines of credit receivable. Changes in the interest rate may cause fluctuations in cash flows and interest income.