



# EVALUATION SUMMARY OF THE EASTERN ONTARIO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (EODP)

## EODP PROMOTES:

- Socioeconomic development in rural eastern Ontario
- Competitive and diversified regional economies
- Business and job opportunities
- Sustainable, self-reliant communities

EVALUATION PERIOD: April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2014

## WHAT THE EVALUATION FOUND

**SUCCESS** IN achieving results and exceeding targets

**LEVERAGED \$73 MILLION** IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING (\$2.71 FOR EVERY DOLLAR INVESTED)

**PROVIDED 3,113** WORKSHOPS, TRAINING AND COUNSELLING SESSIONS FOR 12,528 EMPLOYEES

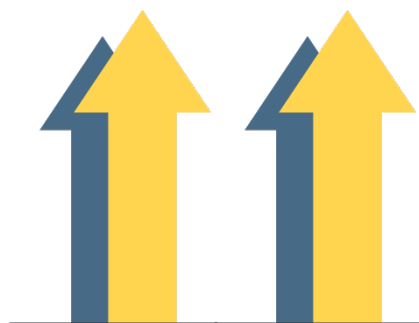


**UNDERTOOK 2,050** PROJECTS

**ASSISTED 8,452** BUSINESSES

## SUCCESS IN

- Building partnerships
- Supporting businesses and communities
- Creating and maintaining jobs
- Contributing to diversification and competitiveness



## PERFORMANCE

Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs) delivering EODP works.

Each CFDC has knowledge of the community's needs and can respond to local priorities.



## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Plan collaborative projects, co-managed by more than one CFDC;
2. Ensure planning studies can be implemented;
3. Assess relative value of small vs. large projects;
4. Review CFDC funding approach;
5. Encourage CFDCs to share and leverage best practices and tools;
6. Use 2016 Census information to study socioeconomic situation in eastern Ontario;
7. Assess longer-term benefits for ultimate funding recipients; and
8. Assess EODP's impact on FedDev Ontario's ultimate outcomes.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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