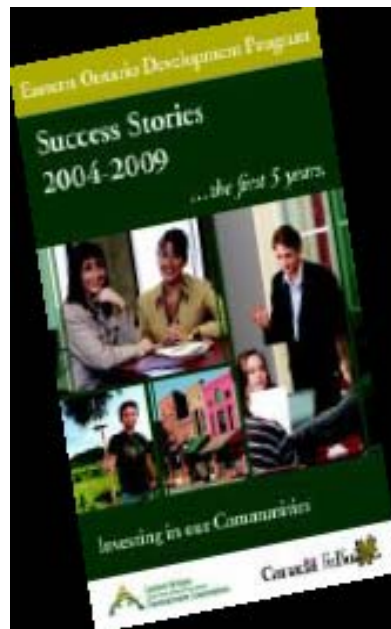


# Eastern Ontario Community Futures Development Corporations Network Inc.

The Eastern Ontario Community Futures Development Corporations Network Inc. is a community-based not-for-profit organization funded by Industry Canada/FedNor to support regional economic development initiatives in Eastern Ontario impacting the 15 Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs) of Eastern Ontario who are its members. CFDCs are governed by local volunteer Boards of Directors. They are dedicated to helping small and medium-sized businesses access services and capital, as well as enhancing their communities' economic and employment growth through community-based planning and economic development initiatives. This is initiated both locally and regionally

## ***Success Stories 2004-2009***

This book is a sampling of success stories of the 15 Eastern Ontario Community Futures Development Corporations, made possible by the funding assistance of the Federal Government's Eastern Ontario Development Program.



***It is available online at:***

**<http://www.eocfdc.ca/photos/custom/FTPFiles/sscompressed.pdf>**

## ***Overview***

### ***The Eastern Ontario Development Program***

The Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP) is a Government of Canada initiative promoting socio-economic development in rural Eastern Ontario. EODP encourages a competitive, diversified regional economy and contributes to the successful development of sustainable, self-reliant communities. The EODP achieves its goals by investing in a wide range of local companies and grassroots community and regional projects.

## ***Program Elements***

***Regional Program:*** Supports economic development projects that foster collaborative and innovative partnerships, address needs and priorities identified in Eastern Ontario and impact upon multiple CFDC areas. Interested organizations can contact EO CFDC Network Inc. for more information and application details.

***Local Programs:*** Business and Not-For-Profit organizations can contact their local CFDC for application details and to apply for funding under the following six categories:

**Community Capacity Building Program:** Supports economic development projects that address local needs and priorities, resulting in long term benefits including job creation and economic diversification.

**Local Initiatives Program:** Supports incremental, local economic development projects.

**Youth Internship Program:** Provides Eastern Ontario postsecondary school graduates, under the age of 30, with opportunities to develop valuable skills during full-time work experiences.

**Business Development Program:** Offers new and existing entrepreneurs financial assistance for the development of business, export and marketing plans.

**Skills Development Program:** Encourages and assists private sector and not-for-profit organizations to train employees/volunteers, providing and enhancing transferable skills, ultimately contributing to the overall strength of the workforce.

**Access to Capital Program:** Assists and encourages the development of vacant or underutilized business and commercial properties.

**The economic impact of the Eastern Ontario  
Development Program is significant.**

- **\$42 Million invested**
- **3,806 projects completed**

Since 2004, The Eastern Ontario Development Program has led to the investment of over **\$42 Million** into **3,806** businesses and community development projects. The EODP investments have leveraged an amount approaching **\$250 Million** from business and community partners.

***Regional Program***

Supported 43 projects  
Total EODP investments of \$4.2 Million

***Community Capacity Building Program***

Supported 342 projects  
Total EODP investments of \$8.8 Million

***Local Initiatives Program***

Supported 995 projects  
Total EODP investments of \$6.3 Million

***Youth Internship Program***

Supported 674 projects  
Total EODP investments of \$7.7 Million

***Business Development Program***

Supported 426 projects  
Total EODP investments of \$1.8 Million

***Skills Development Program***

Supported 991 projects  
Total EODP investments of \$5.9 Million

***Access to Capital Program***

Supported 335 projects  
Total EODP investments of \$7.5 Million