

Dare to DREAM!



Our services improve opportunities for individuals with disabilities in Northern Manitoba



Be your own **BOSS!**

Please call or email North Central Development about starting or expanding your business, or for any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting with you.



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Providing

OPPORTUNITIES for Northerners with Disabilities



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Loans

North Central Development offers loans to entrepreneurs with disabilities as high as \$125,000. These loans are at reasonable interest rates and can be used for capital start ups or expansion of a small business in Northern Manitoba.

Aftercare and mentoring programs are available through North Central Development. Our consultants travel and will visit other North Central communities.

These loans are offered to assist people with disabilities to pursue their business goals and contribute to the economic growth of their community and to Northern Manitoba. All it takes is a good idea and a willingness to put it to work.

Eligible applicants are those who have a disability that is defined as any physical, psychological or intellectual impairment that impacts on a person's activities on a daily basis.

All loan repayment schedules can be flexible to suit the needs of the applicants. North Central Development will assist in developing entrepreneurial skills, and finding the capital funds necessary to proceed.

Loans up to

\$125,000



Services



Presentations

Presentations are offered to schools, small and medium businesses, organizations, agencies, etc. in communities in the North Central Manitoba region.

Presentations focus on Disability Awareness and Entrepreneurship. Other information includes North Central Development's three loan funds: Youth Fund, Entrepreneurs with Disability Fund, and Regular Investment Fund.

There is no charge for this service.

Speaker's Bureau

Individuals with Disabilities travel with the Youth/Disability Coordinator throughout Northern Manitoba speaking about living with a disability and the barriers and challenges they deal with. These speakers provide first hand insight on their disability. Listeners will become better educated and more sensitive to this issue. If interested, please contact North Central Development.

Computer Work Stations

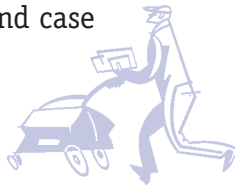
The Northern E-Biz Centre, a subsidiary of North Central Development, is equipped with Assistive Computer technology for someone with a disability. Entrepreneurs with disabilities can access information on business plans or start-ups, as well as surfing the Internet. Workstations are also located in Norway House and Churchill. Training is available.

Partnerships

North Central Development partners closely with agencies that provide professional services for individuals with disabilities. North Central focuses on partnerships, networking and developing relationships with organizations.

Society for Manitobans with Disabilities - SMD.

North Central works closely with SMD for advice and expertise in regards to disability issues. SMD is a provincial non-profit organization that provides rehabilitation services, community education on Disability Awareness, employment and training programs, individualized assessments and case management services.



Community Futures Partners of Manitoba

CFPM is an association of 16 Community Futures Development Corporations (CFPM) in Manitoba. CFPM assists CFDCs with the delivery of the Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program in rural and Northern Manitoba.

Western Economic Diversification

This federal government agency provides funding and programs to develop independent business ideas in Western Canada.

Northern E-Biz Centre

The Centre has most of the latest computer equipment and specialized computer assistive technology. The Centre allows access to the Internet, Web Page Development, and the ability to communicate with businesses or customers around the globe.