On June 27, 2019, The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour announced that LAMBAC, the LaCloche Manitoulin Business Assistance Corporation was successful in their application to the Women’s Ecosystem Fund, receiving $1,375,000 on behalf of 25 Community Futures Development Corporations across Northern Ontario.

LAMBAC, along with community partners, will be launching the Northern Ontario Community Futures Women in Business Enhancement Project.

This program will provide a combination of mentoring, training, workshops, networking opportunities and access to capital for women entrepreneurs across Northern Ontario and will allow local Community Futures organizations to tailor the programs to match the needs of women entrepreneurs in their areas.

Women entrepreneurs will be able to access professional legal and financial advice to create or expand their businesses, marketing advice to help them grow and networking opportunities to share ideas and success stories with other women entrepreneurs.

Carolyn Dearing, Business Development Officer at LAMBAC, says “This project will increase business success and improve revenue streams for women in rural areas where these services and mentorships are not offered or are not affordable on an individual basis”.

The Community Futures program across Northern Ontario is funded by Innovation, Science and Economic Development / FedNor to support small and medium size business and promote economic development across our regions. By working together we will be able to provide support to women entrepreneurs across all of Northern Ontario.