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## Community Development Fund awards \$282,000 for Yukon projects

WHITEHORSE – The Community Development Fund (CDF) has awarded over \$282,000 under its Tier 1 intake for project applicants seeking contributions of \$20,000 or less.

"The Community Development Fund continues to support the ongoing efforts and hard work of the many community groups and organizations across Yukon," Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. "This intake was very well subscribed with funding going to 18 projects covering a wide range of initiatives that support recreation, skills training, and more."

The Yukon Child Care Association was awarded \$19,120 to provide early childhood education training to Yukon's early childhood educators.

"It is essential in this profession to receive updates of any new knowledge, skills, and techniques," Yukon Child Care Association president Cyndi Desharnais said. "The six seminars and the workshops we have planned will be held at Yukon College on April 16 and 17 and will be open to all early childhood educators, parents, foster parents, and those interested. Those who complete the two days of training and assignments can receive college credit through Partners for Children.

"It is the Yukon children and families that will benefit from this important opportunity that would not be happening without the support of the CDF," Desharnais added.

This intake also awarded the Yukon Orienteering Association \$16,900 for the production of orienteering maps for upcoming events.

"The current orienteering maps for this area are in need of serious revision and updated maps will be essential for the Canadian and Western Orienteering Championships we are hosting in 2011," Yukon Orienteering Association past-president Barbara Scheck said. "We are hoping to attract over 300 participants from all over the world to the championships including some world-ranking elite competitors.

"The community has expressed its support for this project and we are planning to use the new maps to offer orienteering experiences for students and all members of the community," Scheck added.

The Community Development Fund offers three funding levels. Tier 1 funding is available for requests up to \$20,000. Tier 2 funding is available for applicants requesting \$20,001 to \$75,000 and Tier 3 funding is available for requests over \$75,000 in funding. The next intake deadline is May 15 for Tier 1 and Tier 2 applications.

Organizations are encouraged to contact the Community Development advisors well before the deadlines for assistance with their applications and developing project ideas.

To learn more about the CDF, visit <a href="www.cdf.gov.yk.ca">www.cdf.gov.yk.ca</a> or contact the CDF office at 867-667-8125 or 1 800 661 0408, extension 8125.

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Attachment: List of Tier 1 projects funded

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## **Tier 1 Community Development Recipients**

**City of Dawson** – \$15,600 – To develop Take Back the River revitalization plan for the next phase in the city's long-term revitalization of the waterfront. The project will create 507 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Marta Selassie at 867-993-2350.

**Gentle Steps Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre** – \$16,200 – To offer the Equine Assisted Therapeutic Program for girls, boys or women. The project will create 1,780 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Elisabeth Lexow at 867-536-7479.

**Kwanlin Dün First Nation (KDFN)** – \$9,000 – The self-governing training will provide chief, council and staff with a sound understanding of the general and specific provisions contained within the KDFN Final and Self-Government Agreements. This is a capacity-building project for KDFN to become a more effective and efficient government. The project will create 94 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Barb Joe at 867-633-7800.

**Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation** – \$20,000 – To help high-risk Yukon women gain a greater sense of self-esteem and empowerment, and to reduce social isolation. The women's wellness retreat will create 174 hours of employment for 11 people. Contact: Ragene Blackjack at 867-863-5576.

**Mountain View Golf Club** – \$20,000 – To review potential options to deal with aging infrastructure while creating a stable financial base. The Moving Forward: Operational and Capital Needs Analysis will create 160 hours of employment for one person. Contact: Gordon Zealand at 867-334-3364.

**Northern Cultural Expressions Society** – \$20,000 – Phase one of this two-part project will create the content for a marketing portfolio book to promote Sundog Carving Studio artists and their work that will mainly involve research, writing and photography. The project will create 311 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Heather Finton at 867-633-4083.

**Raven Recycling Society** – \$12,600 – To assess the financial sustainability of a renovated facility or the scaling back of currrent recycling services as part of a larger collaborative planning process for Yukon waste management. The project will create 192 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Joy Snyder at 867-667-7269.

**Recreation & Parks Association Yukon** – \$19,963 – To offer the Boat Operator Accredited Training Course in 16 Yukon communities. The project will create 384 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Richele Bauer at 867-668-3010.

**Second Opinion Society** – \$9,625 – To offer pilot seminars along the theme of Listen to Your Body: Self-Care Approaches to Mental Wellness to the general public. Based on its success, the society may approach funders to offer similar seminars in future years. The project will create 72 hours of employment for nine people. Contact: Susan Gwynne-Timothy at 867-667-2037.

**Senior Metro Soccer League** – \$3,000 – To provide lower bench soccer goals at F.H. Collins so the neighbourhood has regulation-sized soccer goalposts on a new soccer field. Contact: Derric Lewis at 867 393-4799.

**Tennis Yukon** – \$7,500 – A feasibility study will analyze and propose management arrangements for the Mt. McIntyre tennis facility. The project will create 100 hours of employment for one person. Contact: Stacy Lewis at 867-393-2621.

**Town of Watson Lake** – \$17,010 – To provide two new shows for the Northern Lights Space and Science Centre in Watson Lake. Contact: Heather Berg at 867-536-7827.

**Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation** – \$18,471 – To purchase and install a state-of-the-art silent generator at Moosehide. The project will create 18 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Molly Shore at 867 993-7134.

**Village of Teslin** – \$20,000 – To increase safety for users of the Teslin Recreation Complex exercise room by ensuring a secondary safe exit. The project will create 250 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Kristyne Geddes at 867-390-2530.

**Volunteer Bénévoles Yukon Society** – \$19,954 – To assess the feasibility of a support centre for non-government organizations (NGOs) that could enable NGOs to pool their administrative resources. The feasibility study will demonstrate whether it is possible to increase their capacity to deliver needed services more efficiently and more economically. The project will create 195 hours of employment for one person. Contact: Bruno Bourdache at 867-456-4304.

**Watson Lake Career Advancement Society** – \$17,954 – A pre-feasibility study will determine if there is a need for a vocational training centre in Watson Lake for youth. The project will create 133 hours of employment for one person. Contact: Pat Supeene at 867-536-2330.

**Yukon Child Care Association** – \$19,120 – To provide a training seminar to Yukon's professional early childhood educators by childcare professionals to provide skills enhancement, inspiration and coaching. The project will create 88 hours of employment for 23 people. Contact: Cyndi Desharnais at 867-668-5130.

**Yukon Orienteering Association** – \$16,900 – To produce two orienteering maps of the Carcross area for the Canadian Orienteering Championships to be held in Yukon in 2011. The project will create 720 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Barbara Scheck at 867-668-2306.

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