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Government of Yukon provides funding towards the development of community projects

The Community Development Fund (CDF) has awarded more than \$370,000 towards seven community projects, creating an estimated 2,700 hours of direct employment for approximately 18 people, as well as opportunities for local businesses.

These projects will increase employment in communities by providing support to organizations that contribute to Yukon's overall economic and social well-being.

Funding recipients for this Tier II intake include the Yukon Transportation Museum Society and the Klondike Snowmobile Association.

The Yukon Transportation Museum Society was awarded \$26,597 to purchase and install exterior LED lighting fixtures to highlight some of their major outside exhibition pieces. The project will create approximately 120 hours of employment for three people.

The Klondike Snowmobile Association was awarded \$65,216 to purchase a trail grooming package so the organization can continue to provide Whitehorse and surrounding areas with trail development and maintenance.

Quotes

"The Community Development Fund's flexibility grants us the ability to assist communities with a wide range of projects. Organizations are able to access funds for their specific priorities, resulting in many worthwhile projects that contribute to Yukon's economy in a variety of ways."

–Minister of Economic Development Ranj Pillai

"For many years the Yukon Transportation Museum Society hoped to install exterior lighting to address safety and aesthetics. Now, thanks to support from CDF and in time for both Canada 150 and Alaska Highway 75, we will be doing exactly that with lighting up the building, the Neecheah, our beloved DC-3 Windvane CPY, and the Porter and Overland Train LCC-1. Two years ago, we began opening in the winter, aligning our hours to the Beringia Centre, and now this project allows our winter visitors a more inviting and safe outdoor experience."

–Yukon Transportation Museum Society president Hugh Kitchen

"As the territorial body for recreational snowmobiling, the Yukon agent for the Trans Canada Trail and steward of the multi-use trail system, the Klondike Snowmobile Association volunteers thousands of person-hours per year to multi-use all-season trail development and maintenance. None of this would be possible without the support of the Community Development Fund. The addition of this new trail maintenance unit will ensure our volunteers can provide the best possible recreational experience for all trail users."

–Klondike Snowmobile Association president Mark Daniels

Quick facts

- The Community Development Fund's primary goal is to support projects that provide long-term benefits and value to Yukon communities. The projects are awarded based on merit and the ability to demonstrate social, cultural and economic benefits.
- The Community Development Fund is divided into three tiers with five intake deadlines:
 - Tier I: Applications of \$20,000 or less (intake deadlines in January, May, July and October).
 - Tier II: Applications of \$20,001 to \$75,000 (intake deadline in May and September).
 - Tier III: Applications of \$75,001 or more (intake deadline in January).

Learn more: Community Development Fund

See backgrounder.

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Backgrounder: CDF Tier II September 2016 intake approved projects

Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation – \$69,920 – Van Tat Gwich'in Navigation Systems Project Phase II involves developing three traditional routes during the winter of 2017. The project will create local economic opportunities in tourism and trapping by utilizing local knowledge to research, mark and clear traditional travel routes in North Yukon. The project will create approximately 1,369 hours of employment for up to 12 people. Contact: Megan Williams at (867) 966-3261.

Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society – \$54,019 – The project is to improve first impressions of the Wildlife Preserve by updating and revitalizing the welcome area and adding landscaping components designed to improve the overall visitor experience. Contact: Greg Meredith at (867) 456-7313.

Yukon Women's Transition Home Society – \$29,681 – To remove and dispose of a 5000-litre underground oil storage tank and purchase and install a new 4,546-litre double wall above-ground fuel storage tank that meets National Fire Code of Canada requirements. Contact: Barbara McInerney at (867) 633-7722.

Klondike Snowmobile Association – \$65,216 – To purchase a trail grooming package consisting of a modified Kubota Utility Task Vehicle and Mogul Master drag so the organization can continue to provide Whitehorse and surrounding areas with trail development and maintenance. Contact: Mark Daniels at (867) 667-7680.

Town of Faro – \$75,000 – To purchase a new Zamboni ice resurfacer for the community arena. Contact: Ian Dunlop at (867) 994-2728.

Yukon Transportation Museum Society – \$26,597 – To install new LED outside industrial fixtures to shine on the DC-3 weathervane, the WP&YR Porter Engine, the Overland Train, the Neecheah and the museum entry and mural. The project will create approximately 120 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Janna Powell at (867) 668-4792.

White River First Nation – \$50,056 – To increase local knowledge in crop cultivation, landscape restoration, garden design and soil maintenance for local fresh food production. The project will create approximately 2,680 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Sid Vander Meer / Diane Graham at (867) 862-7802 ext. 102.

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