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## **Community Development Fund supports community enhancement and well-being**

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government has awarded more than \$1 million to ten Yukon community organizations for projects that contribute to infrastructure development and community well-being.

"The Government of Yukon is pleased to support projects that enhance existing community infrastructure or contribute to the development of new infrastructure that will provide health-related benefits for Yukon communities," Minister of Economic Development Stacey Hassard said.

The Copper Ridge Neighbourhood Association will receive \$157,000 for the development of an all-season, multi-activity community park. The association hopes the park will bring the community closer together through active and healthy living.

"The Copper Ridge Neighbourhood Association is excited to receive this funding to develop Winze Park. Through input from residents, the park features will focus on community building through family oriented activities, including a four-season surface, fitness equipment and a track designed for young children," Copper Ridge Neighbourhood Association president Josh Clark said.

The Food Bank Society of Yukon has been awarded nearly \$90,000 to complete building renovations, which include redesigning the welcome room, improving the warehouse and dividing the space into two units. When completed, the Boys and Girls Club will occupy part of the redesigned space, providing a home for that organization as well.

"None of this work would be possible without the continued support of the Yukon government and the Community Development Fund," said Stu Mackay, executive director of the organization. "From the initial start-up funding, to the support for the purchase of the building and now with these renovations, the Yukon government has been an excellent partner in assisting us to provide emergency food to those in need. The feedback from the Boys and Girls Club, our clients, volunteers and staff has been very positive."

These ten community projects will provide more than 7,000 hours of employment to about 60 people.

**Learn more:** Community Development Fund

See list of recipients below.

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## **Community Development Fund Recipients**

**Copper Ridge Neighbourhood Association** – \$157,000 – To develop a four-season, multi-activity community park, built with the intention of bringing the community closer together through active and healthy living. Contact: Josh Clark at 867-335-1250.

**St. Paul's Anglican Church** – \$80,785 – To restore and enhance St. Paul's by repairing and replacing the roof, repairing decay, installing eavestroughs, painting the building, and other improvements. The project will create approximately 720 hours of employment for 13 people. Contact: Betty Davidson at 867-993-5045.

**Food Bank Society of Whitehorse** – \$89,128 – To redesign the food bank welcome room, improve the warehouse and divide the building into two units. Contact: Stu Mackay at 867-332-4349.

**Friends of Mount Sima Society** – \$96,526 – To construct a beginner/intermediate double-track downhill mountain bike trail, a single-track trail suitable for four-season use by all skill levels, and to prepare a site plan for a climbing trail at Mount Sima Adventure Park. The project will create approximately 2,680 hours of employment for five people. Contact: Cindy Chandler at 867-668-4557.

**Ta'an Kwäch'än Council** – \$153,924 – To install rip-rap along a 130-metre section of eroding stream bank on the south side of McIntyre Creek downstream of Range Road, to prevent the creek from breaking its banks and flowing through the reclaimed former Range Road landfill. The project will create approximately 1,495 hours of employment for 20 people. Contact: Brian Bell at 867-668-3616.

**Watson Lake Daycare Centre Society** – \$101,053 – To develop and install the Watson Lake Daycare playground. The project will create approximately 138 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Michelle Fraser at 867-536-2167.

**Watson Lake Ski Club** – \$77,072 – To replace T-bar lift cables, groomer tiller bars and fuel tanks. Contact: Jenny Skelton at 867-536-7488.

**Whitehorse Curling Club** – \$88,899 – To install an energy upgrade of outdated, inefficient curling surface lights and to install a separate meter for the ice plant. The project will create approximately 605 hours of employment for six people. Contact: Sandy Miller at 867-667-2875.

**Whitehorse United Church** – \$133,697 – To renovate and modernize a kitchen. The project will create between 500 and 800 hours of employment. Contact: John Maissan at 867-667-2989.

**Yukon Arts Centre Corporation** – \$90,000 – To replace the existing analogue sound system (speakers, amplifiers and processors), which is dated and does not perform to contemporary standards, with a digital sound system. The project will create approximately 640 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Josh Jansen at 867-667-8568.

## **About the Community Development Fund**

The Community Development Fund offers three funding levels. Tier I funding is available for requests of up to \$20,000. Tier II funding is available for applicants requesting \$20,001 to \$75,000. Tier III funding is available for requests of over \$75,000. The next intake deadline is July 15 for Tier I applications.

Organizations are encouraged to contact the Community Development advisors well before the deadline to discuss their applications and to develop their project ideas.

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