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Community Development Fund supports community projects

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon awarded \$102,000 to seven organizations for projects that aim to support healthy communities through the Community Development Fund.

"The Community Development Fund program continues to add to the quality of life for all Yukoners," Minister of Economic Development Stacey Hassard said. "The Yukon government is proud to support projects like these that contribute to the health and vitality of Yukon communities."

Among the recipients is the Challenge Disability Resource Group. Its project will provide its students with the experience of developing a marketing plan under the supervision of Challenge and a consulting firm. This project will create 190 hours of employment for 10 people.

"We are very lucky to have a fund like the Community Development Fund that can flex and help us find a way to fund difficult projects," Challenge Disability Resource Group chief executive officer Rick Goodfellow said. "For us, this funding will help us find a way to preserve jobs for people with disabilities in Whitehorse."

The Whitehorse Disc Golf Association is receiving funding to purchase and install a four-season 18-hole disc golf course. This project will create 50 hours of employment for two people.

"The Whitehorse Disc Golf Association is very grateful for CDF support," Whitehorse Disc Golf Association president Ryan Norquay said. "We are extremely excited as this opportunity will put Yukon on the global disc golf map and provide a wealth of spin-offs through community involvement, tourism, education, health and many other benefits. This course will be built by the community, for the community, a joint effort between the Yukon government, City of Whitehorse, various community clubs and Whitehorse Disc Golf Association."

Through these Tier I level projects, the Community Development Fund will provide approximately 2,400 hours of employment to about 100 people.

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. The next intake deadline is October 15 for Tier 1 applications.

Learn more:
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See list of recipients below.

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Community Development Fund recipients

Challenge Disability Resource Group – \$15,642 – The project will incorporate three phases of work: situation analysis, marketing plan development, and marketing plan launch, all supervised by Challenge and a consulting firm and carried out by Challenge students. The project will create 190 hours of employment for 10 people. Contact: Rick Goodfellow at 867-668-4421.

Mental Health Association of Yukon – \$19,872– To help fund a pilot cognitive behavioral therapy program to people struggling with mood disorders, anxiety and moderate levels of depression. The project will create 2,000 hours of employment for one person. Contact: Ray Wells at 867-332-4160.

Polarettes & Polar Tumblers Gymnastics Club – \$4,980 – To conduct a professional assessment of the Polarettes gymnastics facility to determine the options for a trampoline program within the existing facility and/or the construction of additional facility. The project will create 83 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Dale Kozmen at 867-335-3202.

Whitehorse Disc Golf Association – \$14,475 – To purchase and install a professionally designed, volunteer built, four-season, environmentally-responsible 18-hole disc golf course. The project will create 50 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Ryan Norquay at 867-334-9512.

Yukon Breeze Sailing Society – \$19,352 – To purchase and install a floating dock at their new location on Schwatka Lake. Contact: Dave Hildes at 867-334-2028.

Yukon Church Heritage Society – \$10,791 – To replace and install three new propane furnaces and a venting system for the museum. The project will create 64 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Linda Thistle at 867-633-6255.

Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society – \$16,764 – To undertake the design and installation of a new moose feeding station and weather shelter. Contact: Greg Meredith at 867-335-0118.

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