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Development fund supports events and enhancements for communities

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is awarding more than \$930,000 to 17 community organizations for initiatives that will enhance and contribute to community well-being.

"Throughout Yukon, residents are benefitting from projects made possible through the Community Development Fund," Minister of Economic Development Stacey Hassard said. "These investments towards community facilities, events and projects will help Yukoners to continue to enjoy a quality of life that is second to none."

The Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association will receive \$74,686 to host a two-and-a-half day conference on developing cultural tourism and building economies in Yukon First Nations communities. The project will create 643 hours of employment for four people.

"Interest in Aboriginal cultural tourism is growing globally. This conference is focused on exploring how Yukon First Nations communities can use tourism as a way to preserve, revitalize, and share their culture," association chair Shirlee Frost said. "We want to inspire, inform, and connect all delegates, we want them to leave the event knowing and feeling confident in their next steps to contribute to cultural tourism in their communities."

The Riverdale Community Association will receive \$55,430 to reconstruct and resurface the Liard Park ice rink. This project will create 294 hours of employment for seven people.

"The Riverdale Community Association is pleased to receive this grant to provide a hard surface and boards for the Liard Park rink," association president Doug MacLean said. "This will make it possible for the rink to be used not only in winter for children and youth to skate and play hockey near their homes, but also to play sports like tennis, rollerblading and basketball in the summer. This park is a great location because it's surrounded by houses, with only a narrow entrance, making for a safe play environment."

Through these Tier II projects the Community Development Fund will provide nearly 11,000 hours of employment to about 70 people.

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See list of funding recipients below.

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CDF Funding Recipients – May 2015 Tier II Intake

Jewish Cultural Society of Yukon – \$55,000 – To develop archival documentation of the finding, clearing, construction and re-dedication of the Dawson City Jewish Cemetery; to document the contribution of the Jews of the Dawson Gold Rush to North American society; and to create a traveling show of the Jewish presence and influence during and in the years following the Yukon Gold Rush. The entire project will create 1,000 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Rick Karp at 867- 332-7545.

Village of Teslin – \$23,400 – To build a new gazebo in Friendship Park, as the current gazebo is falling apart and is becoming unsafe to use. The project will create 120 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Shelley Hassard at 867-390-2530.

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation – \$65,000 – Two locally hired team leaders will work with six youth to upgrade and build four local trails. The project will create 2030 hours of employment for eight people. Contact: Bev Brown at 867-863-5576.

Tintina Gun Club – \$54,920 – To restore the Tintina shooting range to meet Canadian Firearms Office regulations prior to being certified as an approved shooting range. The project will create 640 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Jack Bowers at 867-994-2262.

Yukon Handgun Association – \$45,720 – To meet safety standards required by law for the 50-metre handgun range and to enhance the range by adding a 200 m range and ground baffles for both ranges. Contact: Dave Sterner at 867-334-5977.

Snowboard Yukon – \$49,200 – To re-shape the ground at the Mt. Sima Coyote Terrain Park in order to make the jumps safer for athletes, create an early-season national-level training venue and reduce snowmaking, resulting in cost savings. The project will create 180 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Graham Cochrane at 867-689-7888.

Riverdale Community Association – \$55,430 – To reconstruct the Liard Park ice rink and resurface the base. This project will create 294 hours of employment for seven people. Contact: Doug MacLean at 867-334-9872.

Yukon College – \$32,227 – To upgrade and expand its small-scale fish hatchery to increase capacity and educational opportunities, and to better-serve First Nations and Yukon residents interested in providing stewardship for salmon resources. The project will create 380 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Darrell Otto at 867-668-8868.

Village of Carmacks – \$39,405 – To create a revitalization plan for outdoor spaces in the community where residents and visitors commonly gather. The project will create 704 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Cory Bellmore at 867-863-6217.

Yukon Historical and Museums Association – \$72,750 – To plan and implement a major international conference on the role and contributions of the Yukon and the North during WW1. The project will create 87.5 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Nancy Oakley at 867-667-4704.

Biathlon Yukon – \$63,317 – To replace a bridge that has deteriorated to the point where it is no longer safe for public use. The project will create 280 hours of employment for six people.

Contact: Rebecca Parnum at 867-333-0424.

Hillcrest Community Association – \$49,825 – To pave the trail adjacent to the Alaska Highway trail between Burns Rd. and the northwest corner of the airport fence. The project will create 40 hours of employment for five people. Contact: Jean-Paul Molgat at 867-335-6858.

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in – \$72,074 – To complete the development of a network of single-track mountain bike trails on the Midnight Dome above Dawson City. This project will create 2,212 hours of employment for six people. Contact: Jennifer Nunan at 867-993-7165.

City of Dawson – \$75,000 – To construct new public restrooms for three-season use on the Dawson waterfront. The project will create 520 hours of employment for 13 people. Contact: Marta Selassie at 867-993-7400.

Watson Lake Minor Hockey Association – \$29,107 – To host the last stop on the National Hockey League Players Association (NHLPA) Goals and Dreams event, the Mike Smith Hockey Tour. The project will create 80 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Jean-Michel Sauve at 867-335-7889.

Alaska Highway Heritage Society – \$75,000 – To collect stories and create an audio-visual inventory from communities along the Alaska Highway Corridor for a website and app for travelers, and potentially for highway organizations and businesses needing marketing material and images. The project will create 1,595 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Sally Robinson at 867-633-3896.

Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association - \$74,686 – To host a two-and-a-half day conference on developing cultural tourism and building economies in Yukon First Nations communities. The project will create 643 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Charlene Alexander at 867-667-7698.

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