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## **Community projects continue to benefit from the Community Development Fund**

WHITEHORSE—More than \$558,000 was recently awarded to 11 community-based projects through the Community Development Fund.

"This round of Tier II projects has the potential to greatly enhance community well-being," Minister of Economic Development Stacey Hassard said. "Building organizations' capacity and making tangible improvements to existing assets will assist these groups to better serve the people and communities."

The Yukon Women in Mining Association will receive \$73,650 towards targeted marketing and awareness events designed to increase awareness of the rewarding careers for women in the mineral exploration and mining industry. The project will create 300 hours of employment for three people.

"On behalf of the Yukon Women in Mining board of directors and membership, we are pleased to receive funding support from the Yukon government for our educational outreach and awareness initiative: the Yukon Mineral Career and Industry Engagement Program," Yukon Women in Mining president and founder Anne Lewis said. "This funding will assist in breaking down the barriers to understanding the kind of careers available to women in exploration and mining. In Yukon, we are fortunate to have a strong history of trailblazers and we aim to connect these pioneers, our modern day mentors and our female role models with Yukoners through engaging and interactive community events and social media platforms."

The Boys and Girls Club of Yukon was awarded \$75,000 to complete renovations to its newly leased space, which will expand its capacity and provide partnership opportunities within the community.

"The Boys and Girls Club of Yukon is excited to use this funding to complete the renovations at our new space on Alexander Street," Boys and Girls Club of Yukon executive director Duncan Johnstone said. "Our downtown facility is home to both our Teen Drop-In Centre and Weekday Warrior office, which are important resources for young people. We are looking forward to using this newly renovated space to expand partnerships and increase our capacity for community services."

These Tier II projects will provide approximately 4,650 hours of employment for approximately 52 people, continuing the fund's legacy of bringing social, cultural and economic benefits to Yukoners.

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### **See backgrounder below.**

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### **Backgrounder: CDF Tier II May 2016 Intake Approved Projects**

**Lorne Mountain Community Association** – \$55,780 – To remove, replace and upgrade the 25-year-old septic system in order to meet Environmental Health standards and keep the Lorne Mountain Community Centre open. Contact: Agnes Seitz at 867-667-7803.

**Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council/Yukon Region** – \$26,000 – Under the direction of the Yukon Region Executive Council, the project coordinator will be responsible for the oversight and coordination of the development of a multi-component strategic plan. The project will create 1,040 hours of employment for one person. Contact: George Shepard at 867-332-2034.

**Miles Canyon Historical Railway Society** – \$8,764 – To develop a strategic plan regarding the transition of the Copperbelt Railway and Mining Museum from a traditional collections-based museum to an experiential heritage learning centre. The project will create employment for two people. Contact: Angela Drainville at 867-667-6355.

**First Nation of Nacho Nyäk Dun** – \$38,679 – To contribute to the development of a sustainable food security program by adding greenhouses, raised beds, garden plots and fencing, pruning the orchard and delivering educational workshops. The project will create 490 hours of employment for five people. Contact: Josee Lemieux-Tremblay at 867-996-2265.

**Boys and Girls Club of Yukon** – \$75,000 – To complete renovations of the Boys and Girls Club of Yukon's newly leased space in order to increase their operations capacity and increase partnerships with other Whitehorse-based organizations. The project will create employment for 10 contractors. Contact: Duncan Johnstone at 867-393-2824.

**Downtown Residents Association** – \$71,853 – To build a 50' x 110' community ice rink on Cook Street. The project will create 430 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Phil Emerson at 867-689-1790.

**Snowboard Yukon Association** – \$34,608 – To complete permanent earth work improvements to upper Coyote Park and the novice Pokey Park. The project will create 245 hours of employment for six people. Contact: Graham Cochrane at 867-689-7888.

**Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre** – \$36,132 – To complete upgrades to the Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies program kitchen to meet current health and safety standards and to install necessary smoke and carbon dioxide detectors, exit signs and emergency lighting to the Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre building. The project will create 221 hours of employment for 11 people. Contact: Brandie Chetcuti at 867-667-4134.

**Friends of Mount Sima Society** – \$63,219 – To purchase new snowmaking equipment to sustain the successful trend towards long-term viability of Mt. Sima as an early season training facility and as an important community recreational centre. The project will create 145 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Cindy Chandler at 867-68-4557.

**Yukon Women in Mining Association** – \$73,650 – To create awareness and attract new opportunities for rewarding careers for women in the mineral exploration and mining industry through targeted marketing and awareness events. The project will create 300 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Anne Lewis at 867-35-1452.

**Champagne and Aishihik First Nations** – \$75,000 – To build an extension to the existing Champagne Potlatch House. The project will create 1,778 hours of employment for eight people. Contact: Terry Rufiange-Holway at 867-332-4220.

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