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## **Cultural community initiatives receive Community Development Fund support**

WHITEHORSE—More than \$188,000 has been awarded to organizations that promote and enhance cultural initiatives in Yukon communities through the Community Development Fund.

"The Government of Yukon recognizes the significant contributions these initiatives can make towards promoting Yukon's culture – locally, nationally and internationally – with positive impacts for the tourism industry and our economy as a whole," Minister of Economic Development Stacey Hassard said.

The Community Development Fund provided \$38,502 to the Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Society to upgrade some of its older, outdated infrastructure to accommodate larger audiences and to ensure performers and technicians have appropriate equipment and a safe environment to perform and work in.

"The Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Society is incredibly proud to be partnered on this infrastructure project," Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Society president Reba Parris Beckett said. "Thanks to the Community Development Fund, these upgrades will have a positive impact on the Rendezvous Festival and the Yukon community as a whole, for years to come."

Other recipients include the Dawson City Museum and the Yukon Arts Centre Corporation for arts and culture undertakings.

Through these Tier II projects the Community Development Fund will provide approximately 2,819 hours of employment to about seven people.

### **Learn more:**

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See list of funding recipients below.

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## **Backgrounder: CDF Tier II September 15, 2015 intake projects**

**Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Society** – \$38,502: To upgrade old and obsolete infrastructure to accommodate larger audiences and to ensure performers and technicians have appropriate equipment and a safe environment. Contact: Dave Blottner, 867-667-2148.

**Dawson City Museum** – \$75,000: To hire a professional exhibition design firm to create technical and artistic drawings for a new 3700 sq. ft. permanent exhibition and undertake design work and planning for the office renovation. Contact: Alex Somerville, 867-993-5291.

**Yukon Arts Centre Corporation** – \$75,000: Yukon Arts Centre will host a four day Industries Series conference within the window of the Canada's Magnetic North Theatre Festival, to invigorate the local professional theatre community through workshops, professional development and mentorships for seven Yukon-based cultural administrators. The project will create 2,819 hours of employment for seven people. Contact: Allison Cushing, 867-667-8577.

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