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## **Community Development Fund contributes to initiatives that enhance community well-being**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon has awarded \$255,426 to four community organizations to support community infrastructure development and maintenance and enhance tourism and culture initiatives.

"The Yukon government is pleased to announce its continued support for projects that provide economic benefits for Yukon communities," Minister of Economic Development Stacey Hassard said. "These projects will help to foster community well-being, as well as provide employment and economic opportunities throughout the year."

The Friends of Mount Sima Society was awarded \$75,000 for the purchase of a safety netting system, two snowmakers and additional snow hoses.

"The Friends of Mount Sima Society appreciates the support the Yukon government has provided to the hill," Friends of Mount Sima Society president Scott Casselman said. "The funding enabled Mount Sima to host its first ever pre-season training program which included national ski teams and athletes from Alberta, British Columbia, and Ontario, including paralympic athletes, who honed their skills in the lead up to the 2015/16 season. This funding also allowed the hill to open two weeks early, and the revenue generated has put the hill on a more stable financial footing."

Through these projects, the Community Development Fund will provide more than 1,905 hours of employment to 14 or more 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**

**Village of Teslin** – \$74,425: This beautification project will carry out landscaping on both sides of the Alaska Highway within and adjacent to the community of Teslin for the benefit of residents, and to enhance economic development through tourism. The project will create 360 hours for four contractors and 540 hours of employment for six employees. Contact: Shelley Hassard, 867-390-2530.

**Raven Recycling Society** – \$74,201: Host and coordinator for the "Working Towards Zero Waste: A Pan-Northern Conference" to be held March 3-5, 2016, to share best practices with industry professionals and chart a path forward towards zero waste in 2040. The project will create 1005 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Joy Snyder, 867-667-7269.

**Town of Watson Lake** – \$30,800: Purchase an indoor play structure and soft toddler accessories package for the toddler room play area at the Town of Watson Lake Recreation Centre. Contact: Meaghan Kimmitt, 867-536-8023.

**Friends of Mount Sima Society** – \$75,000: To purchase a safety netting system, two snowmakers and additional snow hoses. Contact: Cindy Chandler, 867-336-3483.

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