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Community Development Funds awarded to 10 projects

WHITEHORSE – Ten community groups are receiving a total of \$148,962 in tier one funding from the Government of Yukon Community Development Fund (CDF) this fall.

"The Community Development Fund program continues to add to the quality of life, both socially and economically, for all Yukoners," Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. "A wide variety of very positive initiatives have been funded in this intake that contribute to heritage, emergency preparedness and learning."

Whitehorse District Search and Rescue (WDSR) is receiving \$19,400 to acquire a mobile search and rescue command post.

"Whitehorse has a high number of search and rescue call-outs, and this new mobile command post will provide for a faster response time, better communications, planning and will work as a central point of contact for emergency personnel," WDSR training coordinator Al Ekholm said.

"The mobile unit, which will be towed like a trailer, will be fully outfitted with radio equipment, rescue gear, and a generator as well as a furnace. We will be able to take this compact unit anywhere in Yukon and will also be able to help out rescue teams in Northern B.C.," Ekholm added.

The Carcross/Tagish First Nation (CTFN) is receiving \$19,960 to restore and expand the community's ancestral resting place, Haa Shaagoon.

"We would like to expand our community graveyard so that there is space for entire families to rest together as this is important to our culture and family values," CTFN acting senior governance official Beverly Sembsmoen said. "We also have some very significant people buried in the graveyard, like Skookum Jim, Kate Carmack and Dawson Charlie, and we would like to preserve the history of these individuals so that the graveyard can show the entire history of this area and our people."

"The youth in the community will be involved in the project and they will have the opportunity to learn about our culture and history, giving them a sense of pride in their community. At the end of the project, we will be celebrating with a ceremony and mounting a thank you plaque," Sembsmoen added.

The next intake deadline for tier one applications is October 15. Organizations are encouraged to contact community development advisors well before the deadlines for assistance with their applications and developing project ideas. To learn more about the CDF, visit www.cdf.gov.yk.ca or contact the CDF office at 867-667-8125 or 1-800-661-0408, extension 8125.

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See backgrounder and photo below.

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Tier 1 Community Development Recipients

Carcross/Tagish First Nation – \$19,960 – To restore, renovate and expand the community's ancestral resting place (Haa Shaagoon). The project will create 1,575 hours of employment for five people.

Contact: Corrinne Carvill at 867-821-4009

City of Dawson – \$11,000 – To complete the construction of the community garden by obtaining and installing a pavilion/shelter for visitors, a simple irrigation system, a public washroom, stain for fencing, a sign and message board, natural ground cover between the raised garden beds, as well as developing a grassy area to complement the existing playground, making the garden more family friendly. The project will create 458 hours of employment for nine people.

Contact: Marta Selassie at 867-993-2350

Many Rivers Counseling & Support Services – \$15,834 – To offer facilitator training for the Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program to 20 Yukoners that will expand the program in Whitehorse and rural communities. The project will create 244 hours of employment for four people.

Contact: Marilyn Wolovick at 867-667-2970

Recreation & Parks Association of Yukon – \$19,340 – To support physical activity and healthy eating opportunities for children in Yukon communities through the implementation of the CATCH Kids Club after-school program. The project will create 523 hours of employment for four people.

Contact: Adrienne Marsh at 867-668-2328

Ross River Dena Council – \$20,000 – To upgrade the Ross River playground with an emphasis on equipment for preschool-age children, providing healthy outdoor activity for young children and an opportunity for socializing for parents. The project will use volunteers for the upgrades and the continued upkeep.

Contact: Verna Nukon at 867-969-2722, extension 204

St. Elias Lions Club – \$9,629 – To purchase a slide for the pool in Haines Junction's recreation centre and to create a safe tobogganing hill for the benefit of the community children and youth. The project will create 40 hours of employment for one person.

Contact: Dan Drummond at 867-634-2683

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation – \$6,968 – To purchase and install a greenhouse to enhance the existing community garden in an effort to create a welcoming environment for the public to learn about greenhouse gardening. The project will create 482 hours of employment for eight people.

Contact: Darren Taylor 867-993-6553

Whitehorse District Search and Rescue (WDSR) – \$19,400 – To acquire a mobile search and rescue command post that will be used by WDSR when tasked with a search anywhere in Yukon. The mobile unit will also be used for training scenarios.

Contact: Al Ekholm at 867-335-6727

Yukon Academy of Martial Arts Organization – \$19,331 – This project will offer a winter martial arts recreation program for adults in one central location. Qualified martial arts instructors will offer training in a range of martial arts including self-defense. The project will create 864 hours of employment for two people.

Contact: Dave Blottner at 867-393-2824

Yukon Curling Association – \$7,500 – To update and enhance the association's website. The project will create 300 hours of employment for one person.

Contact: Verdun Noel at 867-393-7940

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From left to right: Eric Albertini, Cynthia Friedrich, Cam Beemer and of Whitehorse District Search and Rescue receive \$19,400 towards a mobile search and rescue command post from Minister of Economic Development Jim Kenyon (centre).

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