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The Community Development Fund supports meaningful community projects

The Government of Yukon's Community Development Fund has awarded more than \$130,000 in Tier I funding towards 13 projects that promote social, cultural and economic benefits to Yukoners.

The Yukon Council of Archives was awarded \$19,218 towards the completion of the Yukon Council of Archives community strategic planning process. Working with an archivist consultant, each of the Yukon community archives (six communities and 10 institutions) will develop plans and identify priority records according to national archival standards. This project will contribute to the preservation of Yukon's archival history and is an important part of Yukon's heritage. The project will create 200 hours of employment for one person.

The Dawson City Music Festival Association has been awarded \$6,725 to deliver a six-day camp offering opportunities for participants to build self-esteem and self-confidence, to develop leadership and collaboration skills and to explore gender issues critically. The camp aims to empower self-identifying girls through music and a variety of social justice and empowerment workshops. The project will create 580 hours of employment for eight people.

Quote

"We're proud supporters of projects that inspire people to be able to contribute to their communities in meaningful ways and improve people's lives. Whether directly or indirectly, these initiatives will enrich our communities and generate positive impacts for Yukoners."

–Minister of Economic Development Ranj Pillai

Quick facts

- The Community Development Fund's primary goal is to support projects that provide long-term benefits and value to Yukon communities. The projects are awarded based on merit and the ability to demonstrate social, cultural and economic benefits.
- The Community Development Fund is divided into three tiers with five intake deadlines:
 - Tier 1: Applications of \$20,000 or less (intake deadlines in January, May, July and October).
 - Tier 2: Applications of \$20,001 to \$75,000 (intake deadline in May and September).
 - Tier 3: Applications of \$75,001 or more (intake deadline in January).

See backgrounder.

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Background for news release for CDF May 2017 Tier 1 intake approved projects

Freedom Trails Therapeutic Riding Association – \$4,994 – To purchase and install a structure for an exterior lift that will enable non-ambulatory participants to safely mount a horse. The lifting system will provide access for new and existing riders who would otherwise not be able to ride in Freedom Trails Therapeutics programs. Contact: Judy Fortin at (867) 633-5911.

Yukon Council of Archives – \$19,218 – This project will complete the Yukon Council of Archives community strategic planning process by having an archivist consultant to provide each of the Yukon community archives (six communities and 10 institutions) with technical assistance and detailed work plans. The professional archivist will assist staff in identifying priority records for arrangement, description, preservation and access to meet national archival standards. The project will create 200 hours of employment for one person. Contact: Derek Cooke at (867) 668-3613 ext. 608.

Humane Society Dawson – \$11,302 – To build a continuous roof over the shelter's outdoor dog kennels to protect dogs from the elements and to re-line the indoor kennels to make them safer and easier to clean. The upgrades will allow staff to devote more time to the care, training and exercising of animals, as well as the development and coordination of educational and fundraising activities. The entire project will create 100 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Lindsey Smidts at (867) 993-2927.

Beaver Creek Community Club – \$2,951 – The Beaver Creek Community Club will restore Farwest Park to provide locals and travelers access to a new picnic area, an informative walking trail as well as a new waste disposal container including an option for pet waste. The project will create five hours of employment for two people and includes 18 hours of volunteer

time from community members. Contact: Terry Whiteman at (613) 447-6414.

Whitehorse Curling Club – \$13,944 – An electrical engineering firm will provide consulting services for the design and distribution upgrade of a separate meter for the ice plant equipment and a mechanical engineering assessment of the brine pump at the Curling Club facility. The project will create 200 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Sandy Miller at (867) 667-2875.

Dawson City Mud Bog Association – \$8,103 – To install fencing around the mud bog pits and create a berm to keep runoff water out of the pits. The project will create employment for two contractors and crew. Contact: Garth Hnetka at (867) 993-3849.

Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society – \$14,767 – To purchase and install an extra-large garage door for large equipment access to the existing garage at the Wildlife Preserve. The project will create 80 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Greg Meredith at (867) 456-7313.

Dawson City Music Festival Association – \$6,725 – To deliver a six-day camp that aims to empower self-identifying girls through music and a variety of social justice and empowerment workshops. The camp will offer opportunities for participants to build self-esteem and self-confidence, develop leadership and collaboration skills and critically explore gender issues. The project will create 580 hours of employment for eight people. Contact: Lana Welchman at (867) 993-5584.

Golden Age Society – \$18,900 – To conduct an assessment of the Society's administrative headquarters with the goal of providing design options to add a second story, including an elevator. An expanded and better-designed facility will significantly increase the use of the building on a regular and as needed basis. The project will create 300 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Ron Pond at (867) 668-5538.

Yukon Public Legal Education Association – \$14,320 – To improve access to Yukon-specific legal information by creating, advertising and distributing up to eight easy-to-understand, plain language guides on commonly faced legal issues and processes. The project will create 80 hours of employment for one person as well as 16 hours for contract lawyer expertise. Contact: Carmen Gustafson at (867) 668-5297.

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation – \$5,128 – A three-day workshop to teach youth traditional handgames drum making. The project will help build cultural awareness among youth and in the general community. The project will create 30-40 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Teagan Unterschute at (867) 863-5576.

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation – \$1,840 – A Youth Leadership Development Day to provide youth in the community with an understanding of what leadership means, how they themselves can become leaders and role models to other youth in the community, and how they can make a positive difference. The project will create ten hours of employment for four people. Contact: Teagan Unterschute at (867) 863-5576.

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