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Community Development Fund supports Ross River community projects

The Government of Yukon has approved nearly \$700,000 towards 18 community projects through Community Development Fund Tier 2 funding. The projects will provide employment opportunities for at least 66 people as well as a number of local contractors.

Funding will contribute to new infrastructure, event hosting, job training and the development of useable skills for community residents.

Recipients include the Ross River Dena Council, which was awarded \$38,391 to expand their current playground with outdoor toddler play structures, such as ride-on spring toys and a two-seated swing set with belt seats. The playground area will be covered with rubberized mulch and a picnic table will be installed on site. The enhanced playground will benefit the community by ensuring toddlers and children have a safe area to play. The project will create 35 hours of employment for three people.

Yukon College's Ross River Campus was awarded \$36,600 to provide a six-week hairdressing basics course. The course consists of the functional techniques and practical business skills necessary to offer hairdressing services in the community. This project has the potential to lead to local and sustainable business opportunities in the community. The project will create 240 hours of employment for one person.

Quotes

"These projects are excellent examples of the diverse and meaningful contributions community organizations are making across the Yukon. By funding these projects, the Yukon government is supporting community growth and development while helping our communities create employment 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 background.

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Background for news release for CDF Tier 2 May 2017 intake approved projects

Kluane Lake Athletic Association – \$5,988 – To replace the leaking asphalt roof that covers the gymnasium, offices and the Post Office in the Destruction Bay Community Centre. This project is also being supported through the Department of Community Services. The project will create 320 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Grace Southwick at (867) 841-4553.

Yukon Amateur Radio Association – \$28,272 – To increase the battery bank size at four key locations in the VHF/UHF radio repeater network by purchasing and installing new batteries. This linked network of mountain-top radio repeater sites supports civil authorities in the provision of radio communications during times of emergency and serves as a communications network during community activities and events. The project will create eight hours of employment for one person and 160 hours of volunteer time for 16 volunteers. Contact: Bob Melanson at (867) 334-6657.

Village of Mayo – \$36,209 – To complete upgrades to the interior of the Binet House Museum and Annex buildings. The Binet House Museum showcases the local history of Mayo and attracts Yukoners and visitors from around the world. The project will create 450 hours of employment for five people. Contact: Margrit Wozniak at (867) 996-4300.

Ross River Dena Council – \$38,391 – To expand their current playground with outdoor toddler play structures such as

ride-on spring toys and a two-seated swing set with belt seats; to cover the playground area with rubberized mulch; and to install a picnic table on site. The enhanced playground will benefit the community by ensuring toddlers/children have a safe area to play. The project will create 35 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Verna Nukon at (867) 969-2278.

Biathlon Yukon – \$68,954 – To make improvements and upgrades to the range and facilities on Grey Mountain Road to address safety concerns and facilitate the growing needs of the organization. The project will create 58 hours of employment for ten people. Contact: Bill Curtis at (867) 332-1616.

Carcross Tagish First Nations – \$56,000 – To rehabilitate the vacant skating rink site located in the downtown core of Carcross by establishing a skateboard park reflecting Tlingit culture. A local contractor will be hired and will work with a youth crew. Contact: Corinne Carvill at (867) 821-4251, ext. 8206.

Yukon Women's Transition Home Society – \$26,374 – To develop a communications strategy and materials and upgrade the website. The project will improve communications to ensure information on all offered services is reflected in its materials and easily accessible online. The project will create 349 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Collyn Lovelace at (867) 633-7729.

Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Society – \$24,174 – To design and build a new gantry and flour packing shack for the Sourdough Rendezvous Festival in February 2018. The project will create 164 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Saskrita Shrestha or David Blottner at (867) 667-2148.

Whitehorse Archery Club – \$34,854 – To construct a work and storage space for 3D archery targets at the Biathlon Yukon Range on Grey Mountain. The project will create 412 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Rob Ingram at (867) 333-0189.

North Ridge Community Association – \$24,365 – To hire a Project Coordinator who will work with the Musical Ride Host Committee to ensure the successful hosting of the RCMP Musical Ride in Whitehorse on August 12 and 13, 2017. The RCMP Musical Ride is an iconic Canadian event and one of Yukon's premier celebrations for Canada's 150th birthday. The project will create 210 hours of employment for one person. Contact: Inge Sumanik at (867) 335-4223.

Yukon College (Ross River Campus) – \$36,600 – A six-week hairdressing basics course to gain the functional techniques and practical business skills necessary to offer haircutting, colouring and perming basics in the community. This project is an example of training that can lead to needed local and sustainable business opportunities in the community. The project will create 240 hours of employment for one person. Contact: Kitty Sperling at (867) 969-8800.

First Nation of Na-cho Nyak Dun – \$35,900 – To complete structural upgrades to the Mayo Legion Hall as recommended in the 2016 structural assessment report. The restoration of the Legion Hall represents pride in the history of Mayo and will provide a community gathering space in the downtown core to carry out and demonstrate cultural activities. Contact: Joella Hogan at (867) 996-2265 ext. 116.

Yukon Orienteering Association – \$37,200 – To organize and host the North American Orienteering Championships and Canadian Orienteering Championships in Yukon in August 2018, for over 300 athletes from around the world. A Project Coordinator will be hired to oversee key aspects of the project logistics. The project will create 1080 hours of employment for one person. Contact: Afan Jones at (867) 335-2287.

Grey Mountain Housing Society – \$38,687 – To complete an appraisal of Grey Mountain Housing Society's housing inventory in conjunction with the development of a strategic plan. The project will create 216 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Michael Kokiw at (867) 633-4880.

Friends of Mount Sima Society – \$72,218 – To have strategic earthworks in place to facilitate the construction of the big air jump features as part of the existing aerial site. This project will improve safety for users and will reduce snowmaking costs. The project will create 830 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Cindy Chandler at (867) 668-4557.

Yukon Muslim Society – \$75,000 – The renovation project is to upgrade the old Canadian Freightway building on 2nd Avenue into the Whitehorse Islamic Community Centre/Mosque. The project will create 960 hours of employment for 18 people. Contact: Muhammad Javed at (867) 332-8116.

Youth of Today Society – \$25,153 – To complete a business plan and pilot project to examine the feasibility of creating an aboriginal youth publication and multimedia project. It will provide First Nations youth with skills training and work experience in media and technology. It will be a channel through which First Nations youth can connect to Elders and their culture, and will provide an avenue for personal expression. The project will create 700 hours of employment for nine people. Contact: Lance Burton at (867) 633-9687.

Food Bank Society of Whitehorse – \$31,000 – To hire a ventilation specialist to complete upgrades to the ventilation system, including replacing the air handling units' dampers, installing new temperature controls and cleaning the ductwork. The project will create employment for one contractor. Contact: Tristan Newsome at (867) 393-2265.

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