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Government of Yukon provides funding to the Golden Age Society

The Government of Yukon's Community Development Fund awarded \$18,900 to the Golden Age Society through Tier 1 funding last week. The society will apply this funding to a feasibility study for the assessment and expansion of the group's facilities in Whitehorse.

The Golden Age Society has operated since 1976, providing a drop-in centre for local and visiting seniors.

The feasibility study will be used to conduct an assessment of the society's administrative headquarters for expansion and increased accessibility options, as well as bringing the facility up to current building codes. The project will create 300 hours of employment for four people.

Quote

"Yukon's seniors are an important part of our society and culture. This government is committed to supporting people's needs at all stages of their lives. We're pleased to be encouraging the wellbeing of our aging Yukoners through this meaningful initiative the society is taking on."

–Minister of Economic Development Ranj Pillai

"We at the Golden Age Society are thrilled with the potential this funding provides us to examine expansion options for our facility. The Golden Age Society facility continues to be the centre for many activities for both our membership and the community in general."

–Golden Age Society vice-president Ron Pond

Quick facts

- The Community Development Fund's primary goal is to support projects that provide long-term benefits and value to Yukon communities. 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).

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