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New community projects funded through the Community Development Fund

The Government of Yukon awarded more than \$186,000 to 12 community organizations through Tier 1 of the Community Development Fund (CDF). The approved Tier 1 projects will provide more than 2,140 hours of employment to approximately 31 people, contributing to the well-being of their communities.

The fund's primary goal is to support projects that provide long-term benefits and value to Yukon communities. Projects are chosen based on their ability to demonstrate community contribution. Examples include job creation, expenditures on local goods and services, and social, cultural and economic benefits.

Examples of funding recipients for this Tier 1 intake are:

The Hidden Histories Society Yukon was awarded \$14,559 to develop a Yukon-centred, oral history manual. The project will create 137 hours of employment for three people.

The Town of Faro was awarded \$10,000 to purchase and install a new four-station exercise unit for the town's weight room. This equipment will increase safety and accessibility, especially for seniors and those with limited mobility.

See all recipients

Quotes

"CDF supports many important organizations in contributing to their community's development. These projects help to create employment, community inclusion and participation, all important factors in community growth and well-being."
–*Minister of Economic Development, Ranj Pillai*

"The Society is excited to be working with Helene Dobrowolsky of Midnight Arts who will be writing this important manual. The manual focuses on conducting effective oral-history interviews with those in ethno-cultural and aboriginal communities still living and able to share their stories. This provides a valuable guide for students, volunteers and staff working with museums, cultural and heritage centres, libraries, schools and colleges."
–*Board Chair, Hidden Histories Society Yukon, Lillian Nakamura Maguire*

"Many thanks to the CDF for supporting our project. Through this project more of our community members, including seniors and those with limited mobility, will be able to access safer and more accessible exercise equipment in our town weight room. Being able to exercise is important to mental and physical health, and this equipment will encourage community participation and help community members break those feelings of isolation brought on by the long winters."
–*Recreation Manager, Town of Faro, Roger Bower*

Quick facts

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).

Learn more: Community Development Fund

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Background for Press Release of CDF Tier I, October 15, 2016 Intake Approved Projects

High Noon Association – \$19,507 – The High Noon Association, in conjunction with Yukon Shrine Club #30, will be hosting the Gizah Shriners of BC and Yukon Spring Ceremonial in Whitehorse from May 25 to 28, 2017. The entire project will create 192 hours of employment for eight people. Contact: Ilir Azizaj at (867) 393-7546.

Raven Recycling Society – \$19,775 – To research and develop strategies for a Community ReUse Centre and develop public education tools that promote re-use. The entire project will create 895 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Joy Snyder at (867) 667-7269.

Town of Faro – \$10,000 – To purchase and install a new four-station exercise unit for the Town of Faro's weight room. Contact: Roger Bower at (867) 994-2375.

Watson Lake Ski Club – \$14,244 – To purchase and install two new tiller bars on the Watson Lake Ski Club's groomer. Contact: Kayla McMillan at (867) 334-4143.

Whitehorse Huskies Senior Hockey Club – \$19,100 – The Whitehorse Huskies Senior Hockey Club will host the 2017 Coy Cup in March providing an excellent opportunity for Yukon to host a top level hockey championship. The project will create 160 hours of employment for eight people. Contact: Dan Johnson at (867) 335-1555.

Yukon Music Camp Society – \$20,000 – To complete an upgrade of the operating system of the registration website for Yukon Summer Music Camp. The project will create 100 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Katherine McCallum at (867) 335-2288.

Hidden Histories Society Yukon – \$14,559 – To develop a Yukon-centered, oral history research manual which will serve as a reference and guide for heritage volunteers and non-professionals working with museums, heritage groups, cultural centres, First Nations and students in schools and college programs. The project will create 137 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Lillian Maguire at (867) 667-4563.

Association franco-yukonnaise – \$19,882 – To develop a five-year strategic plan, complete with a market study and an action plan, for the French-language newspaper Aurore boréale. Contact: Thibaut Rondel at (867) 667-2931.

Kwanlin Dün First Nation – \$14,348 – To redesign and rebuild its existing website to better inform citizens, partners and the public of their programs, services and activities leading to improved communication and participation. The project will create 200 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Marie-Louise Boylan at (867) 633-7800.

Yukon Food for Learning Association – \$3,720 – To hold a one-day strategic planning session for all Yukon Food for Learning Association Board Members and to develop a five year strategic plan. The project will create 36 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Noreen McGowan at (867) 633-5352.

Yukon Astronomical Society – \$19,523 – The Yukon Astronomical Society will develop a feasibility study for the establishment of a Public Astronomical Observatory at the Takhini Hot Springs. The project will create 200 hours of employment for one person. Contact: Anthony Gucciardo at (867) 335-2609.

Elizabeth Fry Society of Yukon – \$12,172 – To create a website, print material and radio ads promoting information and services of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Yukon. The project will create 223 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Katherine Alexander at (867) 334-2419.

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