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### Arena addition and increased health ambition projects receive CDF Tier 3 funding

WHITEHORSE—Yukon's Community Development Fund (CDF) continues to promote projects that provide social and economic benefits to Yukoners by awarding eight recipients with a total of \$1.2 million in Tier 3 funding.

"In this intake, we have awarded over \$1 million to organizations throughout the territory," Economic Development Minister Steve Nordick said. "CDF supports a wide range of events, organizations and communities, ensuring the continued growth and promotion of valuable programs and projects across Yukon."

The Village of Haines Junction is receiving \$200,000 to build four new change rooms with bathrooms, showers and an access corridor to the existing arena.

"CDF has enabled us to address a long-time issue of having too few dressing rooms," Haines Junction Chief Administrative Officer Michael Riseborough said. "Four new dressing rooms will allow us to better accommodate both visiting and gender-specific teams."

Kwanlin Dun First Nation was another successful applicant, receiving \$100,000 to plan and develop a sustainable, broad-based, culturally appropriate Community Recreation Program for Kwanlin Dun and surrounding neighborhoods.

"CDF funding will enable us to improve the mental, emotional and spiritual health and wellness of our First Nation by focusing on activities that allow our culture to come through," Kwanlin Dun First Nation Director of Health Carmen Gibbons said. "The group at CDF has been extremely helpful throughout the application process and we value their engaging approach to our relationship."

The Community Development Fund offers three funding levels. Tier 1 is available for requests up to \$20,000. Tier 2 is available for applicants requesting \$20,001 to \$75,000, and Tier 3 is available for requests over \$75,000.

The next intake deadline is Friday, July 15 for Tier 1 applications. Organizations are strongly encouraged to contact Community Development Advisors well before the deadlines for assistance with their applications and to develop project ideas. To learn more about the CDF, visit [www.cdf.gov.yk.ca](http://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 below.

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**Tier 3 Community Development Fund Recipients**

**Aikido Yukon** - \$69,000 Capacity Development – Aikido Yukon will develop the Club's structure and programs to allow for growth as well as logistic and financial sustainability, while maintaining the primary focus of promoting Aikido and offering training to a wide range of individuals. The project will create 2,248 hours of employment for four people. **Contact:** Mary Gamberg at 867-334-9844

**Klondike Snowmobile Association** - \$125,000 Wolf Creek Bridge – The Klondike Snowmobile Association will install a free span engineered bridge across Wolf Creek on the Copper Haul Road multi-use recreational trail. The project will create 300 hours of employment for eight people. **Contact:** Mark Daniels at 867-667-7680

**Kwanlin Dun First Nation** - \$100,000 Kwanlin Dun Comes Alive Through Recreation – Kwanlin Dun will plan and develop a sustainable, broad-based culturally appropriate Community Recreation Program for Kwanlin Dun and surrounding neighborhoods, with year one dedicated to the strategic planning and implementing, operationalizing and evaluating specific priority pilot programs. The project will create 3,500 hours of employment for four people. **Contact:** Carmen Gibbons at 867-668-7289

**Raven Recycling Society** - \$80,000 Forklift Purchase – The applicant will purchase a new larger capacity forklift with a bale clamp capable of lifting up to 10,000 pounds. **Contact:** Danny Lewis at 867-667-7269

**Ross River HOPE Society** - \$220,000 Ross River HOPE Centre Construction – The Ross River HOPE Society will construct a multi-purpose drop in facility for use by all members of the community. The project will create 400 hours of employment for three people. **Contact:** Tim Colwell at 867-969-7072

**Skookum Jim Friendship Centre** - \$212,925 Building Renovations & Addition – The applicant will renovate and add an addition to the Skookum Jim Friendship Centre to meet current requirements, making the building more accessible and barrier free. The project will create 960 hours of employment for 21 people. **Contact:** Deliah Pillai at 867-633-7687

**Town of Faro** - \$85,000 Pool Revitalization – The Town of Faro will install a new pool liner, in order to continue providing residents and visitors with opportunities for exercise, socialization and training. The project will create 200 hours of employment for four people. **Contact:** Erica Ward at 867-994-2728

**Village of Haines Junction** - \$200,000 Change Room Project Phase II – The applicants will build four new change rooms with attendant bathrooms, showers and an access corridor as an adjunct to the existing ice arena. The project will create 4,800 hours of employment for five people. **Contact:** Michael Riseborough at 867-634-7110

**Yukon Transportation Museum Society** - \$154,236 Creating a Moving Experience – This project is to increase the Transportation Museum's social profile by creating a stronger connection between the museum and the community. The project will create 1923 hours of employment for 11 people. **Contact:** Casey McLaughlin at 867-668-4792

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