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Community Development Fund pitches in for softball

WHITEHORSE—Yukon government's Community Development Fund (CDF) is contributing over \$857,000 toward a variety of community projects, including sport and recreation, in the latest Tier 2 intake.

"The quality of projects is a testament to the dedication and commitment of Yukoners to enhancing their communities," Economic Development Minister Steve Nordick said. "An outstanding amount of community work is being done to improve the quality of life for Yukoners and we are pleased to support these initiatives."

Softball Yukon is one of the successful applicants, receiving \$75,000 to build a second storey on its utility building and upgrade existing plumbing and electrical service.

"The Senior Women's Fast Pitch World Championships are coming to Whitehorse in 2012 and we need to make these necessary upgrades to comply with championship regulations," Softball Yukon executive director George Arcand said. "Our building is also 30 years old so it's time for better and more economical utilities."

"Softball has been a thriving sport throughout Yukon and the CDF will also help us to create a space to display the history of the sport of softball in Yukon."

The Mayo Community Club is another successful applicant, receiving \$48,297 for extensive improvements to the community ball diamond.

"For some time now our ball diamond has become unusable due to drainage problems and overall deterioration," Mayo Community Club secretary-treasurer Ian Spencer said. "With these problems fixed, we can continue with our annual Canada Day invitational tournament and create more interest in the community."

"We plan to use some volunteers to help with the work, including a contractor on the Mayo B hydro project that will be donating some of its equipment and time doing earth moving for us, and we are grateful for this help."

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 for Tier 2 projects is September 15. 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 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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Backgrounder: Tier 2 Community Development Fund Recipients

Beaver Creek Community Club - \$55,353 - To replace and bring to code the community centre's entrance and exit areas and to repair the gymnasium roof to prevent ongoing water damage. The project will create 350 hours of employment for three people. **Contact:** Patti Cross at 867-862-7277

Great Northern Ski Society - \$67,500 - To hire Doppelmayr Canada Inc. to conduct necessary reconnaissance and engineering work related to the design, purchase and installation of a new chairlift for summer and winter activities at Mt. Sima. **Contact:** Craig Hougén at 867-668-4557

Mayo Community Club - \$48,297 - For improvements to the community baseball diamond, including landscaping, fencing and dugouts. The project will create 24 hours of employment for nine people. **Contact:** Ian Spencer at 867-996-4302

Miles Canyon Historic Railway Society - \$75,000 - To construct and install a new trolley station, and to improve the landscaping of waterfront north between Spook Creek Station and Waterfront Station that will connect the residential and commercial buildings in the area; and to upgrade trolley stations in the area. The project will create 160 hours of employment for eight people. **Contact:** Richard Jamieson at 867-667-6355

Rotary Club of Whitehorse - \$44,900 - To provide a covered picnic shelter in Whitehorse's Rotary Peace Park. **Contact:** Frank Curlew at 867-333-0139

Skookum Jim Friendship Centre - \$60,910 - For curriculum development of the After School Tutoring Program, including technology, science experiments, a cultural component reconnecting Elders to youth, and a project review of Phase I. The program also increases the resilience of students and their likelihood to succeed. The project will create 2,640 hours of employment for four people. **Contact:** Delilah Pillai at 867-633-7680

Softball Yukon - \$75,000 - To build a second storey on Softball Yukon's existing utility building at the Whitehorse softball complex and to upgrade the existing plumbing and electrical service. **Contact:** George Arcand at 867-667-4487

Town of Faro - \$63,691 - To build a new playground for the children of Faro in partnership with the Faro Parks and Recreation Committee and the Faro Preschool Committee. The project will create 175 hours of employment for six people. **Contact:** Tina Freake at 867-994-2375

Whitehorse 2012 Arctic Winter Games Host Society - \$75,000 - For transportation services between venues for the 2012 Arctic Winter Games athletes and team management. The project will create 3,600 hours of employment for 32 people. **Contact:** Chris Milner at 867-393-2012

Whitehorse Aboriginal Women's Circle - \$55,776 - To research and gather evidence regarding the needs of Yukon Aboriginal women, to identify gaps in services and programs, and to explore options that will best address the identified unmet needs and priority areas. The project will create 1,050 hours of employment for one person. **Contact:** Ingrid Johnson at 867-668-7532

Yukon Canoe & Kayak Club - \$75,000 - To implement a detailed scope of work for the design and development of the Rock the River project. The project will create 100 hours of employment for five people. **Contact:** John Quinsey at 867-633-2417

Yukon College - \$48,412 - For the Future: Community Based Early Childhood Education. This is the 2nd stage of a three-stage project that will utilize the information gathered within the community to develop a new concept of the community-based early childhood education program. The project will create 735 hours of employment for two people. **Contact:** Dr. Deborah Bartlette at 867-668-8782

Yukon Soccer Association - \$51,249 - To replace the artificial turf and under-pad at the Canada Games Centre Fieldhouse with products which are safer and offer better playability for soccer and other running sports. The project will create 80 hours of employment for six people. **Contact:** Doug Hitch at 867-668-8825

Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society - \$61,140 - To construct public safety rails and a flight pen to protect visitors from large mammals and to accommodate larger raptors requiring rehabilitation services. The project will create 960 hours of employment for four people. **Contact:** Greg Meredith at 867-456-7313

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