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## **Community Development Fund contributes to projects promoting community well-being**

WHITEHORSE— The Government of Yukon has awarded more than \$103,000 to eight Yukon community organizations for projects that support healthy communities.

"Through Community Development Fund support, these projects will provide Yukoners with better access to improved programs and services," Minister of Economic Development Stacey Hassard said. "The Yukon government is pleased to work with these organizations as they contribute to Yukon communities and way of life."

Among the recipients is the Yukon Council on Aging, which will use the funding to modernize their website to enhance its accessibility and to incorporate a more user-friendly design.

"Working with seniors' organizations, the Yukon Council on Aging spearheads the sharing of information of interest to seniors in Yukon," said Yukon Council on Aging president Connie Dublenko. "This project will help us achieve our goal of encouraging respect for the contributions senior citizens have made, and of understanding the aspirations and issues of concern in the lives of Yukon seniors."

The Association of Yukon Fire Chiefs will access the Community Development Fund to provide training and education tools to firefighters that will focus on community safety and property conservation.

"The Association of Yukon Fire Chiefs is grateful and excited to receive CDF support," said Association of Yukon Fire Chiefs president Jim Regimbal. "The funding will help us achieve our primary goals of life safety and preservation of property by providing Yukon fire chiefs and senior fire officers with the additional training and educational tools needed to protect their communities."

The Copperridge Neighbourhood Association was awarded funds to build a playground, install accessible benches and improve landscaping at Lazulite Park.

"The support from the CDF is going to help our neighbourhood establish Lazulite Park as a vibrant part of our community," Copperridge Neighbourhood Association director Damien Burns said. "We want to ensure the park is an important hub for families and residents of all ages in Copper Ridge."

The Community Development Fund will provide over 1,100 hours of employment to about 24 people through these projects.

Learn more: [Community Development Fund](#)

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See list of recipients below.

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**Community Development Fund recipients**

**Association of Yukon Fire Chiefs** – \$15,000 – To provide training and education tools so that Yukon fire chiefs and senior fire officers can effectively train firefighters and provide life safety and property conservation to the communities they protect. The project will create 320 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Jim Regimbal at 867-993-7400 ext. 407.

**Copperridge Neighbourhood Association** – \$20,000 – To build a natural playground, install accessible benches, and complete the landscaping at Lazulite Park. The project will create 225 hours of employment for five people. Contact: Damien Burns at 867-333-9145.

**Lorne Mountain Community Association** – \$5,884 – Improvement of existing basic equipment including the sound tech system and the media system. The project will create 12 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Agnes Seitz at 867-667-7083.

**Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre** – \$19,750 – To develop a comprehensive communications plan and website to strategically target key Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre audiences. The project will create 185 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Hillary Atkin at 867-667-2693.

**Yukon Church Heritage Society** – \$10,865 – Research, writing, printing and signage to support the development of a multimedia, photo, and static display. The project will create 194 hours of employment for 10 people. Contact: Linda Thistle at 867-633-6255.

**Yukon Council on Aging** – \$5,796 – To modernize the Yukon Council on Aging website to ensure it is accessible by all electronic communication devices and desktop computers and to give it a more user-friendly design. The project will create 98 hours of employment for one person. Contact: Michael Bauer at 867-633-2363.

**Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Society** – \$7,000 – To develop a five year strategic plan. The project will create 75 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Reba Parris Beckett at 867-667-2148.

**Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society** – \$19,000 – To purchase therapeutic laser equipment to enhance the quality of health care, facilitate more effective pain management and faster recovery for all injured collection animals as well as wildlife in rehabilitation. Contact: Greg Meredith at 867-456-7313.

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