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## **Community Development Fund provides \$1 million boost for Yukon community projects**

WHITEHORSE—Nineteen community organizations are receiving more than \$1 million in support from the Government of Yukon's Community Development Fund for projects promoting recreation, health and education across the territory.

"These projects contribute to the health and vitality of Yukon communities," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "The Community Development Fund continues to demonstrate the government's commitment to improving the social and economic well-being of Yukoners."

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

"One of the virtues of the Community Development Fund is the diversity of projects it can accommodate," Economic Development Minister Currie Dixon said. "We are pleased to be able to support these projects and the community organizations that are working to provide social and economic opportunities throughout Yukon."

Kwanlin Dün First Nation is receiving \$75,000 towards upgrading the skating rink and softball field in the McIntyre subdivision.

"Our Council actively supports community-based recreation," Kwanlin Dün Chief Rick O'Brien said. "The funding assistance toward facility improvements will help to enhance our recreation programming in the community in addition to making our facilities more accessible and user-friendly for all to enjoy."

The Yukon Hospital Foundation will receive \$42,503 for their Community Connectivity Initiative to create a public wireless internet network at Whitehorse General Hospital.

"We so often talk about specific pieces of equipment and their impacts on healthcare but there are real benefits to healing when patients can connect to families, friends and even their jobs," Yukon Hospital Foundation president Krista Prochazka said. "We are just ecstatic to work with the Community Development Fund and our partner Northwestel to bring public wifi to Whitehorse General for patients and their families."

Organizations are encouraged to contact the community development advisors well before the deadlines for help with their applications and developing project ideas. The next deadline for Community Development Fund applications is October 15 for Tier 1 support.

To learn more about the Community Development Fund, visit [www.cdf.gov.yk.ca](http://www.cdf.gov.yk.ca) or contact the office at 867-667-8125 or 1-800-661-0408, extension 8125.

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## **May 2013 Tier 2 Community Development Fund approved projects**

**Boys & Girls Club of Yukon** – \$63,952 to create a framework for a sport and recreation program to increase the capacity of the Whitehorse Boys & Girls Club and its partners to deliver efficient programming that supports the physical and mental health of children and youth across the territory. The project will create 3,200 hours of employment for two people.  
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**Kluane First Nation** – \$75,000 to prepare a concrete base to install a multi-purpose sport floor in the Kluane Community Recreation Complex in Burwash Landing, which was constructed this past winter as a prefabricated sprung structure. The project will create 768 hours of employment for 14 people.  
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**Kwanlin Dün First Nation** – \$22,253 to hold a conference on August 2 to 4, 2013 that will offer 15 to 18 workshops related to health, sexuality, suicide prevention and leadership as well as healthy and fun evening entertainment for youth ages 13 to 18. The project will create 700 hours of employment for seven people.  
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**Kwanlin Dün First Nation** – \$75,000 to upgrade and enhance two recreational facilities on McIntyre Drive: the skating rink and softball field. The project will create 905 hours of employment for 11 people.  
Contact: Dorothy Sam at 867-633-7800

**Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation** – \$70,000 to pass down knowledge and start implementing a healthy traditional lifestyle for all generations of Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation citizens. The project will create 4,992 hours of employment for 56 people.  
Contact: Viola Mullett 867-863-5576

**Northern Native Broadcasting Yukon (NNBY)** – \$64,304 to use archival principles and practices to inventory and catalogue approximately 1,000 hours of recordings including film, beta video, reel-to-reel and audio tapes of Yukon First Nations languages, culture, stories and historical events in preparation for transferring all data to digital format. The project is phase one of a two-phase project and will create 900 hours of employment for two people.  
Contact: Sophie Green at 867-668-6629

**Ross River Dena Council** – \$56,615 to improve the aesthetic appearance of the community while providing employment that will increase capacity within the Ross River Dena membership.

The project will create 3,810 hours of employment for nine people.  
Contact: Janie Lee Silas at 867-996-2277

**Sport Yukon** – \$40,000 to fund .75 of the Physical Literacy Coordinator position associated with the pilot sport school program at F.H. Collins High School and in Yukon communities. Contact: Tracey Bilsky at 867-393-8330

**Ted Harrison Artist Retreat Society** – \$44,006 to refurbish the Harrison House Artist Retreat at Crag Lake, making needed improvements to the building.  
Contact: Paul Baker at 867-821-5050

**Teegatha 'Oh Zheh** – \$25,200 to hire a project manager to oversee office relocation. This project will create 332 hours of employment for three people.  
Contact: Bobbie Lucas at 867-668-4787

**Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation** – \$74,310 to develop a network of single-track mountain bike trails on the Midnight Dome above Dawson City for use by local bike enthusiasts as well as to expand the adventure recreation and adventure tourism potential in the region. The project will create 3,200 hours of employment for between five and seven people.  
Contact: Jennifer Nunan at 867-993-7165

**Vimy Heritage Housing Society** – \$74,290 to hire a project manager for the pre-construction development phase of the Vimy Heritage Housing Project and to undertake a preliminary marketing campaign.  
Contact: Don Knutson at 867-633-5103

**Watson Lake Ski Club** – \$75,000 to carry out electrical and safety upgrades to bring both T-bars into compliance with updated regulations, complete interior shop walls and construct a small storage shed. The project will create 614 hours of employment for three contractors plus crew.  
Contact: Jenny Skelton at 867-536-7488

**Ynklude Art Society** – \$44,640 to increase Ynklude's capacity to present, promote and demonstrate the inclusion of Yukoners in society. The project will create 950 hours of employment for four people.  
Contact: Julie Robinson at 867-667-4606

**Yukon Bluegrass Society** – \$35,000 to hire a Yukon consultant to develop a realistic and implementable five-year business plan that incorporates the activities of the society with an emphasis on the sustainability of the organization and the Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival. The project will create 262.5 hours of employment for two people.  
Contact: Leslie Carberry at 867-335-5335

**Yukon Canoe and Kayak Club** – \$71,851 to carry out the third phase of the Rock The River Project and conduct physical and technical studies required for creating a world-class white water park in the City of Whitehorse. The studies will provide the necessary data to potentially move forward with feasibility design and permitting. The project will create 760 hours of employment for between six and nine people.  
Contact: John Quinsey at 867-336-3055

**Yukon Hospital Foundation** – \$42,503 to create a public wireless internet network that will allow patients and their families to stay connected to families, friends and their jobs while visiting and staying at Whitehorse General Hospital. The project will create 40 hours of employment for three people.  
Contact: Krista Prochazka at 867-393-8930

**Yukon Quest International Association (Canada)** – \$26,217 to build a new, effective website that will provide critical information exchange between the Yukon Quest race organization, participants and fans. The project will create 265 hours of employment for four people.

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**Yukon Soccer Association** – \$55,110 to develop a conceptual design and report for an outdoor sports complex to be used for a presentation to potential private and public funding partners.

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