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Education initiatives and community events receive Community Development Fund support

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government is providing 17 community organizations with more than \$176,000 through the Community Development Fund (CDF) to support education and recreation projects and community events.

"The purpose of the Community Development Fund is to support and empower community organizations to undertake projects that contribute to the social and economic well-being of Yukoners," Economic Development Minister Currie Dixon said. "Whether it's enhancing tourism resources, creating education opportunities or promoting culture through community events, the program has the flexibility to meet the diverse needs of Yukon communities."

The Silver Trail Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Association is receiving \$16,348 to replace the 30-year-old tourism kiosk at Stewart Crossing.

"The new kiosk will change the dynamics of how people experience the Silver Trail and allow us to enhance our promotion of it in a way that is attractive and relevant to visitors," the association's president Richard Reid said. "We wouldn't have been able to move ahead without the CDF funding, and it has helped us attract other partners for this project including Yukon Energy, Martin Construction and Victoria Gold."

The Yukon Church Heritage Society will receive \$10,000 to restore the oakum chinking on the Old Log Church Museum in Whitehorse.

"The Old Log Church Museum dates back to 1900 and is one of the oldest buildings in Whitehorse," the society's president Linda Thistle said. "The community development funding was essential in allowing us to restore the chinking and preserve the integrity of the historic building for the benefit of the community in Whitehorse and the rest of Yukon."

The Community Development Fund offers three funding levels. Tier 1 funding is available for requests up to \$20,000. Tier 2 funding is for applicants requesting \$20,001 to \$75,000 and Tier 3 funding is for requests over \$75,000. The next intake deadline is September 13 for Tier 2 applications.

Organizations are encouraged to contact the Community Development Advisors well before the deadlines for assistance with their applications and developing project ideas.

To learn more about the fund, visit www.cdf.gov.yk.ca or contact the Community Development Fund office at 867-667-8125 or 1-800-661-0408, ext. 8125.

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See backgrounder listing Tier 1 projects.

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May 2013 Tier 1 CDF Approved Projects

Association of Yukon Fire Chiefs – \$15,000 Training and Education Symposium

Training and education symposium for Yukon's fire chiefs and senior fire officers.

Contact: Jim Regimbal at 867-993-7434

Autism Yukon – \$10,902 Adult Support Group

Autism Yukon has defined a gap in services for adults on the autism spectrum and would like to start a psycho-educational model support group for adults on the autism spectrum and those who support them. The project will create 84 hours of employment for two people.

Contact: Leslie Peters at 867-667-6406

Biathlon Yukon – \$15,680 Biathlon Rifle Purchase

To purchase four new biathlon rifles for the juniors program for youth 13 to 18 years of age.

Contact: Bill Curtis at 867-667-5278

Carcross Recreation Board – \$3,000 Ice Resurfacer Purchase

To purchase an ice resurfacer for the Carcross Recreation Board.

Contact: Nadine Peters at 867-336-1131

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations – \$20,000 2013 Culture Camp – Literacy

To incorporate literacy into the summer 2013 culture camp for children aged nine to 16. The project will create 560 hours of employment for 14 people.

Contact: Jennifer Chambers at 867-332-5850

Chinese Canadian Association of Yukon – \$2,545 Moon Festival Celebration

To work with other Yukon Asian communities to celebrate the Moon Festival and promote multiculturalism in Yukon.

Contact: Richard Li at 867-456-7121

Church of St. Christopher – \$6,766 Barrier Free Access

To hire expert help to assess the building condition of St. Christopher's Church in Haines Junction for architectural, mechanical, electrical and structural integrity to make it barrier free and inclusive. The project will create 51 hours of employment for five people.

Contact: Lynn DeBrabandere at 867-634-2360

Copper Ridge Neighbourhood Association – \$11,100 Four-Season Park Feasibility Study

To develop a feasibility study and conceptual plan for a four-season park including a soccer field, ice rink, basketball court and tennis court at the Winze Park location in Copper Ridge. The project will create 44 hours of employment.

Contact: Josh Clark at 867-335-1250

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation – \$20,000 Hats'adan (Learning) Storybooks

A series of illustrated storybooks that tell of traditional Northern Tutchone ways of life and belief systems.

Contact: Viola Mullet at 867-863-5576

Silver Trail Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Association – \$16,348 Replacement of Booth at Stewart Crossing

To replace the tourism kiosk at Stewart Crossing. The project will create 80 hours of employment for one person.

Contact: Anne Leckie at 867-996-2233

St. Elias Lions Club – \$7,010 Commercial Barbecues and Enclosed Cargo Trailer
To support the purchase of one enclosed cargo trailer to house and transport barbecues.
Contact: Debbie Hotte at 867-634-2104

Tagish Community Market Society – \$2,400 Harvest Fair
To assist with the costs of tent rental to provide shelter for people attending the one-day Harvest Fair.
Contact: Susan Baker at 867-399-4016

Tourism Industry Association of Yukon (TIA YUKON) – \$5,600 Midnight Sun Local Foods Expo
The Midnight Sun Local Foods Expo will bring local food producers, tourism groups and culinary experts together to tell the story of how local foods help define Yukon's culture through a series of activities. The activities will be documented and used as a foundation to help promote the territory's budding culinary tourism sector, which will lead to more lucrative partnerships between Yukon's food producers and tourism operators. The project will create 150 hours of employment for three people.
Contact: Blake Rogers at 867-668-8021

U Kon Echelon – \$1,800 Road Signs for Youth Bike Club
To purchase road signs to help cyclists be safe and visible to motorists and pedestrians during bike races.
Contact: Trena Irving at 867-393-4700

Yukon Church Heritage Society – \$10,000 Chinking Project
To restore and repair the aakum chinking on the Old Log Church Museum. The project will create 600 hours of employment for four people.
Contact: Linda Thistle at 867-633-6255

Yukon Curling Association – \$20,000 Adult Competitive Curling Initiative
The Yukon Curling Club Association is developing a season-long skills development project for adult curlers interested in advancing their competitive curling careers during the 2013/14 season.
Contact: Linden Mattie at 867-668-7121

Yukon Horse & Rider Association – \$8,500 Consultation & Info Gathering
To identify and consult with groups and organizations that may have an interest in a publicly owned facility for animal-related events. The project will create 100 hours of employment for one person.
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