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Community Development Fund helps organizations with broad range of projects

WHITEHORSE – Eighteen community organizations are receiving over \$270,000 in support from the Yukon government's Community Development Fund (CDF) for a variety of projects to build capacity, raise awareness and create educational opportunities.

"The Community Development Fund continues to assist community projects that provide educational and training opportunities that benefit Yukoners," Economic Development Minister Currie Dixon said. "The diverse range of projects receiving funding reflects the wide reach of the CDF and recognizes a variety of important initiatives occurring throughout the territory."

The MacBride Museum is receiving \$20,000 for an exhibition to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Girl Guides of Canada.

"Girl Guides of Canada is a national institution, and we are excited to highlight the contribution of Yukon Girl Guides over the organization's rich 100-year history," MacBride Museum board of directors chair Hank Moorlag said. "The CDF funding will help us honour Yukon's past and current Girl Guides while exploring the organization's history in the territory."

The Centre for Human-Wildlife Conflict Solutions will receive \$13,306 to develop its Yukon Wildwise: Let's Live Smart with Yukon Wildlife campaign.

"The goal of the society is to reduce the number of human-wildlife conflicts, promote public safety, and reduce wildlife mortality through research, education, outreach, advocacy and training," Director Nicole Tattam said. "Funding from the CDF will help kick-start the society by allowing us to develop a website and educational materials and also deliver workshops on how to prevent human-wildlife conflict through appropriate management of attractants."

The Community Development Fund offers three funding levels. 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 available for requests over \$75,000. The next intake deadline is May 15 for Tier 1 and 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 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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CDF Tier 1 January approved projects

Braeburn Lake Christian Camp Association – \$2,500 to professionally install a new wood stove and chimney in the Braeburn Lake Camp's kitchen/dining hall (Marston Hall). This project will create 30 hours of employment for three people.

Contact: John Maissan at 867-668-3535.

Centre for Human-Wildlife Conflict Solutions – \$13,306 to develop Yukon Wildwise: Let's Live Smart with Yukon Wildlife educational materials, website and public workshops on how to prevent human/wildlife conflict through appropriate management of attractants. The project will create 50 hours of employment for two people.

Contact: Nicole Tattam at 867-667-7725.

Klondike Snowmobile Association – \$15,000 to connect Dawson City with the Trans Canada Trail by upgrading and designating existing trails and placing signs. The project will create 160 hours of employment for four people.

Contact: Mark Daniels at 867-667-7680.

MacBride Museum – \$20,000 for its MacBride 2020 project and enhancing its ability to earn revenue and sponsorship. The project will create 300 hours of employment for two people.

Contact: Patricia Cuning at 867-667-2709.

MacBride Museum – \$20,000 to create and install an exhibit celebrating the contributions of Yukon Girl Guides for the 100th Anniversary of Girl Guides in February 2014. The project will create 640 hours of employment for one person.

Contact: Patricia Cuning at 867-667-2709.

Raven Recycling – \$20,000 to launch the first phase of a year-long Zero Waste and Recycling Education program to raise awareness about zero waste and how recycling can help Yukon become a zero waste community. The project will create 120 hours of employment for one person.

Contact: Joy Snyder at 867-667-7269.

Recreation and Parks Association of Yukon (RPAY) – \$19,926 to help educate staff and volunteers about healthy food and beverage choices in recreation centres. RPAY will conduct audits of products served or sold; provide information on healthy options; explore site-specific healthier choices and assist with planning and implementing changes. The project will create 270 hours of employment for one person.

Contact: Anne Morgan at 867-668-3010.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 254 Whitehorse – \$20,000 to create a Vimy Heritage housing business plan, a first step in developing seniors' supportive housing. The project will create 238 hours of employment for three people.

Contact: Don Knutson at 867-633-5103.

Second Opinion Society – \$19,800 to deliver a series of wellness workshops to teach skills in communication, boundaries setting and dealing with anger, grief and peer support. The project will create 600 hours of employment for five people.

Contact: Diane Cimetta at 867-667-2037.

Society of Yukon Bird Observatories – \$4,000 to develop a new website to increase public awareness of Yukon bird observatories and Yukon birds. The project will create 40 hours of employment for two people.

Contact: Ben Schonewille at 867-334-2683.

Teslin Curling Club – \$4,000 to buy ice making equipment, as well as install and maintain the ice surface in the Teslin curling rink. This project is a continuation of existing employment positions.

Contact: Katherine Sheepway at 867-390-2530.

Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC) – \$20,000 to research and develop an exhibition with an interactive map that will illustrate the TTC Traditional Territory and showcase the First Nation's journey to self-governance. The project will create 472 hours of employment for four people.

Contact: Tip Evans at 867-390-2532 extension 330.

Whitehorse Baptist Church – \$15,545 to conduct a feasibility study of options for year-round water supply and wastewater/sewer management at the Marsh Lake Bible Camp and identify the most appropriate approach to upgrading the existing system. The project will create 155 hours of employment for five people.

Contact: Shannnon Duke at 867-668-3103.

Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce – \$15,000 to rejuvenate the planter box program and training project work with Challenge Community Vocational Alternatives, Career Industries and the City of Whitehorse. The goal is to provide training to several Career Industry clients on wood construction techniques in building new planter boxes. The project will create 1,200 hours of employment for six people.

Contact: Rick Karp at 867-667-7545.

Yukon Arts Centre Public Art Gallery – \$20,000 to upgrade the long-term storage capacity, add additional museum-grade shelving units in the Permanent Art Collection Storage Vault and install a 20-foot shipping container on the centre's grounds. The project will create 48 hours of employment for one person.

Contact: Al Cushing at 867-667-8577.

Yukon Childcare Association – \$16,962 to provide professional development to Yukon's early child development community through a two-day conference in May 2013. The project will create 18 hours of employment for three people.

Contact: Cyndi Desharnais at 867-668-5130.

Yukon Freestyle Ski Association – \$3,712 for website development and communicating to athletes, parents and community organizations about training dates, courses, events, safety information and to help coordinate with other Canadian organizations. The project will create 37.5 hours of employment for one person.

Contact: Lynda Harlow at 867-393-3369.

Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Society – \$6,375 to conduct a market research survey of the 2013 Rendezvous festival to help plan for Rendezvous 2014, as well as produce postcards to market the festival to an out-of-territory audience. This project is a continuation of existing employment positions.

Contact: Jon Solberg at 867-667-2148.

Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society – \$14,675 to create a snowshoe hare exhibit for the new snowshoe hares. The project will create 480 hours of employment for three people.

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