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Yukon government allocates \$3 million to Salvation Army housing project

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government is allocating \$3 million from the Northern Housing Trust fund toward a Salvation Army shelter expansion and transitional housing project in Whitehorse.

"The Yukon government committed in this mandate to work with the Salvation Army, and other partners, to address the housing needs of Yukoners," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "We are pleased that this project will address a gap that has been identified, by providing new transitional housing."

Discussions with the Salvation Army are continuing regarding planning and project development.

The Northern Housing Trust was established by the Government of Canada in 2006. Yukon received \$50 million from the Trust. First Nations were allocated \$32.5 million to address their priority housing needs.

The majority of the remaining funds have been allocated to a number of housing projects including:

- \$4.5 million to Betty's Haven, a 10-unit housing complex
- \$1.4 million to affordable housing projects in Carmacks and Carcross
- \$3 million to the Salvation Army

"Contributing this funding to the Salvation Army project will help those requiring emergency and transitional housing," Minister Responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation Brad Cathers said. "Enabling the Salvation Army to expand their services will benefit Yukoners in need."

Since 2008, the Yukon government has invested more than \$100 million in a range of housing initiatives including:

- The Alexander Street housing project
- New seniors' residences in Watson Lake, Faro, Teslin and upgrades in many communities
- Habitat for Humanity
- Community lot development
- Options for Independence

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