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Development fund supports renovations and enhancements for communities

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government awarded over \$870,000 to six community organizations for recreational, accessibility and training initiatives throughout Yukon.

"Through the Community Development Fund, the Yukon government is pleased to support a wide range of projects with social, cultural and economic benefits for our communities," Minister of Economic Development Currie Dixon said. "These projects will deliver facility improvements and new recreation opportunities for residents to enjoy."

Among the recipients is the Church of St. Christopher's in Haines Junction. It will use the funding to construct an addition and install an accessibility lift this summer. Currently the parish hall and the top of the church can only be reached by climbing stairs, limiting access for those with mobility issues.

"The focus at St. Christopher's is on building community, outreach, and service," Reverend Lynn De Brabandere said. "Being fully accessible will make St. Christopher's more inclusive, welcoming, and multigenerational by allowing young families with children as well as our elders and seniors to participate in community meals, thrift store, summer artists and craft gallery, and Sunday worship."

The Hillcrest Community Association will construct a commuter trail with support from the Community Development Fund. The trail will enable safe travel to downtown for residents east of the Alaska Highway, airport users, hotel guests and visitors. The association plans to tender the project in time for the upcoming construction season.

"This trail will allow safer travel for the many cyclists and pedestrians currently using the Alaska Highway between Hillcrest and the north end of the airport," project coordinator Jean-Paul Molgat said. "Apart from increased safety, this trail aims to promote active transportation, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase low-cost opportunities for active living."

Through these projects, the Community Development Fund will provide over 5,900 hours of employment to about 45 people.

For more information, visit the [Community Development Fund website](#).

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Backgrounder: January 2014 Tier III Community Development Fund Projects

Church of St. Christopher's - \$298,474 to construct an addition, install an accessibility lift and to make required building code modifications to the existing structure. The project will create approximately 5,500 hours of employment for 25 people. Contact: Lynn De Brabandere at 867-634-2360

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Society Yukon - \$89,784 to create a sustainable service delivery model for education, training and case management, ensuring responsible long-term capacity development for frontline workers. The project will create approximately 200 hours of employment for one person. Contact: Michael McCann at 867-393-4948

Hillcrest Community Association - \$200,000 to construct a non-motorized commuter trail to enable residents of neighborhoods west of the airport, airport users, hotel guests and visitors to travel safely to and from downtown. The project will create approximately 150 hours of employment for 15 people. Contact: Jean-Paul Molgat at 867-335-6858

Lorne Mountain Community Association - \$111,671 to purchase a new Zamboni to continue to provide Lorne Mountain Community Association members and user groups with a reliable rink surface. Contact: Agnes Seitz at 867-667-7083

Village of Mayo - \$100,000 to replace leaking plumbing and a deteriorating pool liner at the Village of Mayo pool. The project will create approximately 80 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Ian Spencer at 867-996-2317

Whitehorse Baptist Church - \$73,580 to complete upgrades to the Marsh Lake Bible Camp by drilling a well, installing a septic system and bringing the facilities up to environmental health & campground codes for year-round use. Contact: Shannon Duke at 867-668-3103

Community Development Fund

The Community Development Fund offers three funding levels. Tier I funding is available for requests of up to \$20,000. Tier II funding is available for applicants requesting \$20,001 to \$75,000, and Tier III funding is available for requests of over \$75,000. The next intake deadline is July 15 for Tier I applications.

Organizations are encouraged to contact the Community Development advisors well before the deadline to discuss their applications and to develop their project ideas.

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