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Community Development Fund helps communicate, educate and renovate

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon's Community Development Fund (CDF) is providing more than \$137,000 to 10 community organizations for recreation, education and well-being initiatives.

"With support from the Community Development Fund, these organizations are working to improve the standard of living, health and sustainability of Yukon communities," Minister of Economic Development Currie Dixon said. "Many of these projects will provide tangible and long-lasting benefits for residents of all ages."

The Utilities Consumers' Group Society is receiving \$6,841 for a replacement transmitter that will improve the signal quality of the CJUC Community Radio Station in Whitehorse.

"CJUC Community Radio has been on the air for 10 years, and the transmitter we've been using for the last seven years was already used equipment when we got it," station manager Bill Polonsky said. "The sound would have started degrading soon, so it's a big move forward for CJUC listeners to benefit from this new equipment."

The Humane Society Dawson is receiving \$15,500 to create a fenced-in, off-leash dog park. The park will include a perimeter walking trail and central area for dog socialization and agility training. The society also plans to generate future revenues by offering obedience training.

"In addition to providing opportunities for outdoor exercise, we hope this park will encourage responsible dog ownership," shelter coordinator Katie Pearce said. "We would not have been able to do this without Community Development Fund support and community members' donations and fundraising. We hope to see many community members at our leash-cutting ceremony late next month when the park is complete."

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 October 15 for Tier 1 applications.

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

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

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Backgrounder: July 2013 Tier 1 Community Development Fund projects

Carcross/Tagish First Nation – \$13,074 to construct two bird viewing platforms on the shores of Nares Lake. The project will create 390 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Roberta Auston at 867-821-4251 ext. 8236

Church of Northern Apostles – \$19,420 to upgrade the roof and above-ground oil tank. The project will create 188 hours of employment for five people. Contact: Nancy Brady at 867-633-3817

Gentle Steps Family Support Centre – \$9,075 to design a website, logo and pamphlets. The project will create 160 hours of employment for one to two people. Contact: Elisabeth Lexow at 867-536-7479

Humane Society Dawson – \$15,500 to create a fenced-in, off-leash dog park for residents and visitors of Dawson City, making the town an active, pet-friendly community. The project will create 25 to 120 hours of employment for six to 10 people. Contact: Katie Pearse 867-993-6900

Raven Recycling Society – \$13,935 to develop a website to support a three-year Zero Waste and Recycling education campaign. The project will create 103 hours of employment for one to three people. Contact: Joy Snyder at 867-667-7269

Utilities Consumers' Group Society – \$6,841 to replace an ailing radio transmitter and improve signal quality for the CJUC Community Radio Station. The project will involve 110 hours of volunteer work from four people. Contact: Bill Polonsky at 867-633-6234

Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition – \$8,675 to enhance the community's understanding of homelessness by developing a report for the general public and stakeholders. The project will create 105 hours of employment for one person. Contact: Kristina Craig at 867-334-9317

Yukon Art Society – \$11,514 to analyze, redesign, develop and implement an improved website. The project will create 384 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Alena Puskas at 867-667-4080

Yukon Circle of Social Change – \$19,375 to conduct intergenerational, inter-agency "Being the Change" workshops that help people learn to create schools, workplaces, families and communities where people feel safe, loved and celebrated. This project will create 392 hours of employment for nine people. Contact: Christine Klaassen-St Pierre at 867-667-7408

Yukon Food for Learning Association – \$20,000 to hold a two-day conference where all school food coordinators and school council representatives can learn best practices and share ideas on nutritious food programs. This project will create 175 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Noreen McGowan at 867-393-6902

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