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Community clubs, culture and recreation groups receive development funds

WHITEHORSE – The Community Development Fund (CDF) is issuing over \$880,000 from its Tier 3 intake.

"The Community Development Fund is a popular program in our communities and I am very pleased by its continued success in achieving a better quality of life for all Yukoners," Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. "This intake provided funding to a variety of community associations and clubs that are essential in keeping people connected and engaged in activities and projects."

The Crestview Community Association received \$142,300 in funding to design and develop a non-motorized commuter trail with the aim of connecting the Crestview and Porter Creek trail systems.

"We have received very positive support for this project from residents and families to help make commuting and recreational activities safe for everyone," Crestview Community Association President Donna Milne said. "Once the trails are established, we will explore options and look at the details for making a safe highway crossing."

Kwanlin Dün First Nation was another successful applicant and received \$119,310 to begin the planning and recruitment phase of the Whitehorse Waterfront Cultural Centre.

"The cultural centre is a \$25-million project that will prove a landmark development on the Whitehorse waterfront and a great addition to Yukon's cultural life," Saskia Bunicich, Kwanlin Dün First Nation economic development director, said. "The CDF funding will be really helpful in bringing this project to life. It will allow us to recruit a project manager and other key staff and help us with developing exhibits and programs."

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 in funding. The next intake deadline is Friday, May 14 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 call 867-667-8125 or toll-free at 1-800-661-0408, extension 8125.

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Tier 3 Community Development Fund Recipients

Beaver Creek Community Club received \$155,880 to replace the club's fuel tank; to upgrade the furnace, to renovate the crawl space to meet fire-suppression code and safety standards; and to provide basic heating systems training for volunteers. The project will create 546 hours of employment for five people. Contact: Patti Cross at 867-862-7277.

Crestview Community Association was awarded \$142,300 to design and develop a non-motorized commuter trail aiming to connect the Crestview and Porter Creek trail systems. The project will create 1,920 hours of employment. Contact: Donna Milne at 867-667-5721.

Klondike Active Transport & Trails Society received \$135,070 to upgrade and construct recreational trails in Dawson City. The project will create 4,960 hours of employment for eight people. Contact: Alex Brook at 867-993-2773.

Kwanlin Dün First Nation received \$119,310 to hire a project manager and a trainee project manager, prior to the opening of the Whitehorse Waterfront Cultural Centre, to work on the preparatory phase of the centre. Work includes hiring staff, establishing key partnerships, and developing programs and exhibits. The project will create 3,900 hours of employment for two people. Contact: Saskia Bunicich at 867-633-7869.

Lorne Mountain Community Association received \$157,310 to construct a new Zamboni garage and maintenance facility. The project will create 4,080 hours of employment for seven people. Contact: Agnes Seitz at 867-667-7083.

Softball Yukon was awarded \$31,500 to resurface the Takhini No. 4 ballpark. Contact: George Arcand at 867-667-4487.

Watson Lake Community Club received \$40,180 to employ a volunteer coordinator and trainer to: support community non-profit groups; engage the community in local events and volunteerism; and help with the development of local groups and associations. The project will create approximately 920 hours of employment for one person. Contact: Cheryl O'Brien at 867-536-2099.

Watson Lake Ski Club was awarded \$102,425 to upgrade the T-bars and the packer shop; purchase special maintenance equipment for conditioning skis and snowboards; and improve hill signage. The project will create 325 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Scott Cole at 867-536-2581.

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