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Recreational Infrastructure Projects Receive CDF Funding

WHITEHORSE – The Community Development Fund (CDF) has awarded \$192,437 to 14 community projects that qualify for Tier 1 funding.

“The funding provided for these projects represents Yukon government's commitment to creating a better quality of life for all Yukoners,” Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. “Sports and recreational pursuits, along with supporting infrastructure, are essential in keeping our communities healthy. These projects certainly add to that important part of our lives.”

The Village of Carmacks has been awarded \$19,150 to upgrade the community’s all-terrain vehicle trails.

“The upgrades we are doing are all about making the trails safe and enjoyable for users,” Village of Carmacks chief administrative officer Cory Bellmore said. “Trails will be widened, some barriers will be put in place to keep riders away from unsafe areas and everyone will be able to obtain a GPS map of the trails at the village office. The CDF has given us so much support over the years. We have a great relationship with the staff and the projects have really made a difference in our community.”

The Polarettes and Polar Tumblers Gymnastics Club of Whitehorse is another successful applicant, receiving \$19,348 to increase the useable floor space of their gym.

“The CDF funding will go towards enhancing the use of the upper mezzanine by adding a set of stairs for ease of public access, building a pony wall to allow viewing from above, adding a wall to control public access to the gym floor and equipment as well as providing funding for structural engineering design work,” Polarettes board member Kimberley Henney said. “Once this work has been completed we will have a great viewing area for parents as well as general use space for our members.

“The functional change of the mezzanine will increase the gym floor area allowing us to easily incorporate a new piece of equipment, a tumble track, without changing the overall functionality of the gym. The tumble track, used by both recreational and competitive gymnasts, will help to increase their gymnastic skills and abilities thereby increasing their overall success and enjoyment of the sport,” Henney added.

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 requests of \$20,001 to \$75,000; and Tier 3 funding is available for requests over \$75,000. The next intake deadline is January 15, 2010 for Tier 1 and 3 applications.

Organizations are encouraged to contact the CDF office for assistance with their applications and for help 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 ext. 8125.

List of Tier 1 projects funded included.

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Tier 1 Community Development Fund Recipients

Aikido Yukon – \$9,951 – Community Seminar – To provide a seminar on Aikido, an eastern martial art, in Haines Junction. Funding will be used to hire an instructor and purchase equipment that can be used for future seminars in other communities. The project will create 44 hours of employment for three people. **Contact:** Mary Gamberg at 867-334-9844.

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations – \$20,000 – *Pursuit of Excellence* – To offer the *Pursuit of Excellence* course, one of the courses in the Excellence Series to the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations staff and community members. **Contact:** Shadelle Chambers at 867-456-6879.

Gentle Steps Therapeutic Riding and Learning Centre – \$1,080 – Heating Costs of Paddock Shack – Heating the paddock shack throughout the winter so clients can still come and spend time with the horses, stay warm and engage in other therapeutic activities. This is especially important for the children who make use of the centre. **Contact:** Elisabeth Lexow at 867-536-7479.

Literary Society of the Klondike – \$17,839 – Digital Archive and Internet Posting of Back Issues – To finish the historical posting of all Klondike Sun newspapers since its inception in 1989. The project will create 1,044 hours of employment for one person. **Contact:** Tara Borin at 867-993-6318.

Percy DeWolfe Memorial Mail Race – \$18,920 – Promotions Manager – To hire a promotions manager to identify strategies for promoting and marketing the Percy DeWolf Dog Sled and skijor races to increase entries, draw visitors to Dawson, and engage a broader section of the community. The project will create 640 hours of employment for one person. **Contact:** Anna Claxton at 867-993-6326.

Polarettes & Polar Tumblers Gymnastics Club – \$19,348 – Enhancement Project – To make renovations that will increase the usable floor space on the main floor of the gymnastics gym. The project will create 160 hours of employment for four people. **Contact:** Kimberly Henney at 867-668-4794.

The Village of Carmacks – \$19,150 – ATV Trails Upgrades and GPS Map – To provide upgrades to ATV trails around the community to ensure safety and to complete GPS mapping of the trails. The project will create 320 hours of employment for three people. **Contact:** Cory Bellmore at 867-863-6271.

The Village of Teslin – \$20,000 – Boulderling Wall – To build a boulderling wall in the Teslin School. The project will create 60 hours of employment for five people. **Contact:** Nataschaa Chatterton at 867-390-2530.

Town of Faro – \$12,202 – Condition Assessment of the Legion Building – The Town of Faro requires architectural and engineering assessment of the old Legion building/art gallery to

ascertain the upgrades needed to bring the building up to health and safety requirements. The project will create 79 hours of employment for seven people. **Contact:** Rose Price at 867-994-2728.

Whitehorse Curling Club – \$6,300 – Strategic Plan – To develop a five-year strategic plan for the Whitehorse Curling Club that documents the club's vision, mission, values and key goals as well as outlining the specific organizational objectives for the years ahead. The project will create 64 hours of employment for one person. **Contact:** Jon Solberg at 867-667-2875.

Youth of Today Society – \$16,412 – Renovations – To design and build a recreation/multi-purpose room and a boot room at the Youth of Today Society. The project will create 410 hours of employment for three people. **Contact:** Victoria Durrant at 867-633-9687.

Yukon Amateur Hockey Association – \$8,000 – Yukon Hockey Challenge – To hire a project manager to organize and manage the logistics of a January 2010 invitational hockey tournament in Whitehorse involving two teams from British Columbia. This project is phase 1 of a three-year fundraising effort to gain the experience necessary that will ideally culminate with a successful bid to host the 2013 World U-17 Hockey Championships. The project will create 320 hours of employment for one person. **Contact:** Walter Brennan at 867-393-4501.

Yukon Council on Aging – \$8,673 – Workshop Issues Affecting Seniors – To provide workshops on topics of interest to seniors. The project will create 150 hours of employment for one person. **Contact:** Heather Thompson at 867-668-3383.

Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous – \$14,562 – Marketing Program – To provide the tools necessary to increase the local, national and international marketing of the Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Festival. **Contact:** Tiffany Duncan at 867-667-2148.

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