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## **Community Development Fund supports Yukon paramedic training program and other community initiatives**

WHITEHORSE—Over \$1 million in Tier 3 funding has been awarded to 12 community organizations through the Government of Yukon’s Community Development Fund (CDF), including a new paramedic training program at Yukon College.

“The Yukon government is proud to support these organizations and their excellent work, which contributes to the well-being and sustainability of Yukon communities,” Economic Development Minister Currie Dixon said. “These 12 projects are all great examples of how the Community Development Fund enhances our communities by investing in our recreation and training infrastructure.”

Yukon College received \$276,195 to create a Primary Care Paramedic program, the first of its kind in the territory.

“I am very pleased the Community Development Fund is supporting our application to conduct a Primary Care Paramedic Course as well as develop local faculty,” chair of the School of Continuing Education and Training at Yukon College Dan Anton said. “This funding will be instrumental in helping Yukon College deliver this intensive, four-month training on an ongoing basis, which will allow students to remain in the territory while obtaining this level of training for Yukon Emergency Medical Services.”

The Carcross/Tagish First Nation was also awarded \$88,748 for phase two of its Single-track to Success recreational project.

“This funding marks a further investment into our Single-track to Success mountain biking program, which aims to engage youth in trail building to build a sense of pride and also transferable employment skills,” Carcross Tagish Management Corporation CEO Justin Ferbey said. “This is an example of small-scale community development at its best – simple, eco-friendly, culturally appropriate, while building on human capacity and providing infrastructure for small-scale economic opportunities.”

The Community Development Fund offers three funding levels. Tier 1 is available for requests up to \$20,000. Tier 2 is available for applicants requesting \$20,001 to \$75,000, and Tier 3 is available for requests over \$75,000.

The next intake deadline is May 15 for Tier 1 and Tier 2 applications. Organizations are strongly encouraged to contact Community Development Advisors well before the deadlines for assistance with their applications and to develop project ideas. Visit the CDF website to learn more or contact the CDF office at 867-667-8125 or 1-800-661-0408, ext. 8125.

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## Backgrounder

### Tier 3 Community Development Fund Recipients

**Association of Yukon Communities**—\$80,918 Yukon Municipal Green Gym—To install outdoor fitness equipment in Haines Junction, Dawson City, Carmacks, and Burwash Landing. The project will create 240 hours of employment for 25 people. **Contact:** Laura Eby at 867-668-4388.

**Carcross/Tagish First Nation**—\$88,748 Carcross Single-track to Success Phase II—Build a world-class adventure destination and strengthen the land-based traditions. The project will create 2,340 hours of employment for 10 people. **Contact:** Justin Ferbey 867-335-6676.

**Challenge Community Vocational Alternative**—\$21,000 Challenge Social Enterprise Strategic Planning—To develop organizational strategies and plans necessary to create more supports and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. The project will create 100 hours of employment for three people. **Contact:** Rick Goodfellow at 867-668-4421.

**City of Whitehorse**—\$97,310 Trail Implementation Phase II—The continued development of a world-class trail network in Whitehorse for the benefit of local residents and visitors. The project will create 3,304 hours of employment for 30 people. **Contact:** Doug Hnatiuk at 867-668-8662.

**Klondike Snowmobile Association**—\$131,250 Sima Creek Bridge—To install a single span bridge across Sima Creek, located on the multi-use recreational Copper Haul Road. This project will create 100 hours of employment for six people. **Contact:** Mark Daniels 867-667-7680.

**Raven Recycling Society**—\$124,793 Upgrades to Customer Drop-Off Area & Yard—To purchase new recycling bins and level the Raven Recycling yard and public drop-off area. **Contact:** Danny Lewis 867-667-7269.

**Teslin Tlingit Council**—\$34,500 Teslin Regional Tourism Strategy 2012—To develop a comprehensive tourism strategy for the Teslin region, including a market analysis, conduct research and hold community consultations. The project will create 600 hours of employment for three people. **Contact:** Brad Stoneman at 867-390-2180.

**Village of Haines Junction**—\$77,825—To purchase a new Zamboni for the Bill Brewster Arena. **Contact:** Donna Istchenko at 867-634-7127.

**Watson Lake Ski Club**—\$66,769—To purchase a waxer attachment for the ski & snowboard turner machine and to do repairs to the roof and electrical sub-feed. The project will create approximately 100 hours of employment for two people. **Contact:** Scott Cole 867-536-4793.

**Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club**—\$19,887 Fencing Extension—The project will extend the existing fence line between the Mt. McIntyre Recreation Centre and the Canada Games Centre. **Contact:** Claude Chabot at 867-668-4477.

**Yukon Avalanche Association**—\$47,579—To develop avalanche awareness and tools in Yukon. **Contact:** Kirstie Simpson 867-633-2199.

**Yukon College**—\$276,195 Primary Care Paramedic Program—The project is to establish a Primary Care Paramedic Training Program in Yukon, which consists of: on-site Canadian Medical Association Accreditation; Justice Institute of B.C. Primary Care Paramedic curriculum delivered by JIBC faculty; local instructor recruitment, training and mentorship; student recruitment and training; the purchase of industry standard training materials and mannequins; and a viability review of community needs for future delivery. The project will create 4,000 hours of employment for 2 people. **Contact:** Daniel Anton 867-668-5258.

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