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Community Development Fund Tier 1 supports arts, recreation and communication

WHITEHORSE—Twenty community projects are receiving support totalling almost \$260,000 from the Community Development Fund (CDF) as a result of recent Tier 1 applications.

"The Community Development Fund is designed for projects of all sizes that accomplish a wide variety of goals," Economic Development Minister Currie Dixon said. "These are projects and events that provide long-term benefits and add value to Yukon communities."

One recipient is the Yukon Aboriginal Women's Council (YAWC) which is receiving \$19,060 to support participation in the second Yukon Aboriginal Women's Summit (YAWS2).

"The Yukon Women's Aboriginal Council is pleased to support Aboriginal women from across Yukon in attending the second Yukon Aboriginal Women's Summit," YAWC president Chantal Genier said. "We feel that representation from all Yukon communities is vital to the success of the summit. The financial assistance provided by the Community Development Fund will ensure that YAWC is able to provide the necessary support to Aboriginal women from the communities who wish to come to Whitehorse to participate in the summit."

Another recipient is the Yukon Amateur Radio Association (YARA) which is awarded \$6,043 to partner with Parks Canada to improve radio coverage for recreational and emergency communications purposes.

"For 20 years, the Yukon Amateur Radio Association has provided course-wide communications for the Kluane-Chilkat Bike Relay along the 240 kilometre highway from Haines Junction to Haines, Alaska," YARA technical director Jeff Stanhope said. "Support from the CDF will help fund the installation of a new radio repeater site near Klukshu, an area where no communications existed before, which will greatly enhance rider safety. This new repeater will also allow our association to provide better communications in the area for other agencies such as the Emergency Measures Organization."

The Community Development Fund offers three levels of financial support for Yukon organizations and municipal and First Nations governments. Tier 1 funding is for requests up to \$20,000. Tier 2 funding is for requests between \$20,001 and \$75,000 and Tier 3 funding is for requests over \$75,000. The next intake deadline is October 15 for Tier 1 applications.

Applicants are encouraged to contact a community development adviser well in advance of deadlines for help with developing project ideas and submitting applications. 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, extension 8125.

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July 15 CDF Intake Tier 1 approved projects

Carcross Rod & Gun Club – \$6,584 Enhancement Project

To hire a contractor to make safety enhancements and improvements on the range. The range is a recreational and training site. Volunteer labour and donated materials will be used for some of the improvements.

Contact: R. Stewart Breithaupt 867-821-3431

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Society Yukon (FASSY) – \$19,900 Sustainability

Certification training for front line service providers working with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder clients in Whitehorse and the communities. This project is part of a multi-part strategy intended to ensure FASSY's long-term viability and growth in a responsible and sustainable manner.

Contact: Michael McCann 867-393-4948

Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation – \$18,000 Soccer Field Development Plan

To hire a professional consultant to develop a community support plan for the design, construction, development and maintenance of a soccer field in Carmacks.

Contact: Bev Brown 867-332-1782

Village of Carmacks – \$14,000 Tew Park Picnic Area Upgrade

To construct a new gazebo with fire pit and shelter. The project will create 120 hours of employment for one person.

Contact: Cory Bellmore 867-863-6271

Yukon Aboriginal Women's Council – \$19,060 Yukon Aboriginal Women's Summit 2

To support participation in the summit and provide an opportunity to gain feedback from Aboriginal women on the recommendations and implementation of projects identified and developed in the first Yukon Aboriginal Women's Summit held in 2007. The project will create 225 hours of employment for one person.

Contact: Emily Snow 867-667-6162

Yukon Academy of Martial Arts – \$19,500 Peaceful-Warrior Program for Schools

Anti-Bullying School Pilot Project: avoiding and managing conflicts through non-aggressive, non-violent martial art, and a verbal approach to conflict resolution. The project will create 285 hours of employment for three people.

Contact: Bogna Jordan 867-333-0997

Yukon Amateur Radio – \$6,043

To partner with Parks Canada to use their Klukshu telecom site to provide better long-term (permanent) radio coverage for the Kluane-Chilkat International Bike Relay and also long-term support for EMO-related emergency communications for the Haines Junction area.

Contact: Jeff Stanhope 867-393-6712

Yukon Art Society- \$18,919 Arts Underground Space Development

To build required infrastructure to facilitate the growth of the Yukon Arts Society at its primary facility. The project will create 32 hours of employment for three people.

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May 15 CDF Intake Tier 1 approved projects

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Society of Yukon (FASSY) – \$13,807 Sustainability

Update and redesign "Trying Differently: A Guide for Daily Living and Working with FASDs and Other Brain Differences" and to create a banner for public speaking, teaching, trade show and conference activities. This project is part of a multi-part strategy intended to ensure and increase FASSY's long-term relevance and sustainability. The project will create 163 hours of employment for four people.

Contact: Michael McCann 867-393-4948

Hillcrest Community Association – \$19,929 Non-motorized Commuter Trail Route Development (Phase1)

Design phase one of a non-motorized, commuter route that would enable residents in neighborhoods west of the airport, hotel guests and visitors to Beringia Centre and the Transportation Museum to travel safely to and from downtown by remaining off the Alaska Highway. The project will create 104 hours of employment for four people.

Contact: Jean-Paul Molgat 867-633-2230

Humane Society Dawson – \$20,000 Indoor Expansion

Construction of an extension to the existing Humane Society Dawson's building. The project will create 400 hours of employment for four people.

Contact: Katie Pearse 867-993-6900

Lorne Mountain Community Association – \$4,508 Train Volunteers

To train Mount Lorne area volunteers in the techniques and technologies used to collect, transcribe and preserve oral history. The project will create 40 hours of employment for two people.

Contact: Agnes Seitz 867-667-7083

Tagish Cemetery Society – \$4,567 Refinishing Tagish Cemetery Fence

Applying fresh preservation stain to wooden fence surrounding Tagish Cemetery to prevent deterioration.

Contact: B. J. Bayne 867-399-3732

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation – \$12,882 Moosehide Gathering Accommodation and Storage

Construction of a shelter to provide accommodation for elders and performers during the Moosehide Gathering and other events at the site, and to increase storage at the site. The project will create 540 hours of employment for six people.

Contact: Gladys Netro 867-993-7612

Village of Carmacks – \$16,000 Archival and Historical Project Phase II

To continue the phase one work of collecting and documenting historical items, stories and documents as well as locating old building foundations and mapping them. The project will create 646 hours of employment for two people.

Contact: Cory Bellmore 867-863-6271

Village of Teslin – \$9,999 Flag Poles

To purchase three flag poles to install in front of the Village of Teslin office. The project will create 32 hours of employment for two people.

Contact: Frank Thomas 867-390-2530

Whitehorse Women's Hockey Association – \$7,789

For player and team development opportunities to increase intermediate and advanced skills and decrease the discrepancy between beginner and advanced players. The project will create approximately 55 hours of employment for seven people.

Contact: Michelle Rabeau

Yukon Conservation Society – \$10,778 Building Repairs

To make improvements (structural, energy efficiency, and health and safety) to the building belonging to the Yukon Conservation Society, located at 302 Hawkins St. The project will create 331 hours of employment for 10 people.

Contact: Georgina Greetham 867-668-5678

Yukon Freestyle Ski Association – \$12,527 Purchase of Airbag

To purchase an airbag for the freestyle ski team.

Contact: Lynda Harlow 867-393-3369

Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Society – \$4,887 Gold Rush Themed Shacks

Construction of Gold Rush themed shacks for use on the site of the Rendezvous festival by volunteers/vendors for protection from the wind and cold temperatures. The project will create 160 hours of employment for four people.

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