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Public spaces receive helping hand from the Community Development Fund

WHITEHORSE—The Community Development Fund (CDF) is providing over \$575,000 in Tier 2 funding for 13 projects that will enhance public spaces and support community initiatives throughout the territory.

“Creating and improving places for Yukoners to spend their leisure time is one of the main objectives of the Community Development Fund,” Economic Development Minister Currie Dixon said. “These projects provide for social and economic benefits for Yukon communities and improve recreational infrastructure that promotes healthy lifestyles.”

The Selkirk First Nation received \$42,288 for the creation of a park along the banks of the Pelly River, in the heart of the community.

“We started planning this park in 2005, so it has been a long time coming,” project coordinator Mary McGinty said. “Without funding from the CDF this project probably would not have happened. We’re grateful for the support, as it will provide young people in our community with training and skills development and get people into the workforce.”

The Community Development Fund offers three levels of financial support for Yukon organizations and municipal and First Nations governments. Tier 1 funding is available 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 January 15 for Tier 1 and Tier 3 applications.

Applicants are encouraged to contact a community development adviser well in advance of the deadline 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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May 15 CDF Intake Tier 2 Approved Projects

Burwash Landing Recreation Committee – \$33,400 Playground Area/Park
To reinstall playground equipment and develop a park to be located in the centre of Burwash Landing. The project will create 700 hours of employment for five people.
Contact: Diyet van Lieshout 867-841-4055

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations – \$39,976 Canyon Creek Playground Development

To purchase and install new playground equipment in a level, fenced area for the growing community of Canyon Creek. The project will create 640 hours of employment for four people.

Contact: Lenette Graham 867-634-4217

Christ Church Cathedral – \$27,000 Roof Renovation

To replace the facility's roof. The project will create 696 hours of employment for eight people.

Contact: Michael Brauer 867-633-2363

City of Dawson – \$70,565 Fitness Centre Equipment Upgrade

To replace fitness equipment in the community's only year-round, indoor health and fitness facility. The project will create 24 hours of employment for two people.

Contact: Lana Welchman 867-993-2350

Selkirk First Nation – \$42,288 Riverfront Park

To create a community park in the centre of the community. The project will create 3,150 hours of employment for nine people.

Contact: Mary McGinty 867-537-3331

Sport Yukon – \$48,750 City Chase Canadian Championships

To host a national, unique, urban adventure championship of two-person teams from across Canada, competing in a 36-hour, non-stop challenge of physical and intellectual tasks. The project will create 204 hours of employment for one person.

Contact: Megan Freese 867-393-8334

Town of Watson Lake – \$69,960 Park Restoration

To upgrade five community playgrounds. The project will create 1,920 hours of employment for four people.

Contact: Alyssa Magun 867-536-8020

Village of Mayo – \$70,986 Ice Resurface Replacement

To replace the community ice resurfer.

Contact: Ian Spencer 867-996-4302

Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club – \$59,300 Grooming Equipment

To replace existing equipment by purchasing a new Piston Bully Model 100, also known as a snow cat.

Contact: Claude Chabot 867-668-4477

Yukon Council on disABILITY – \$55,648 Employment Strategy: Rural Implementation

To enable a member of the Yukon Disability Employment Strategy team to work in rural Yukon to implement the Yukon Disability Employment Strategy to ensure the strategy is relevant and available to all Yukoners. The project will create 924 hours of employment for four people.

Contact: Lisa Rawlings Bird 867-668-6703

Yukon Film Society – \$26,538 Market Development & Membership Engagement

To build and implement market development and membership engagement tools and strategies, develop staff and board capacity and expand the Yukon Film Society's community engagement opportunities. The project will create 1,060 hours of employment for eight people.

Contact: Stephanie Chevalier 867-393-3456

Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society – \$21,340 Improvement of Animal Feeding Stations

To install cement pads at all feeding stations. The project will create 320 hours of employment for three people.

Contact: Greg Meredith 867-456-7313

Yukon Women's Transition Home Society – \$10,000

To access needed legal consultation during the design, construction and possession of Betty's Haven, a new second-stage housing project.

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