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## **Community Development Fund invests in the future, commemorates the past**

WHITEHORSE—A variety of community organizations are receiving over \$400,000 in funding from the Community Development Fund (CDF) to support training and educational initiatives and enhance recreational facilities across Yukon.

"The CDF is an important part of improving quality of life for Yukoners," Economic Development Minister Currie Dixon said. "Projects like Yukon Women in Mining and the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in job fair provide opportunities for all Yukoners to participate in our strong economy."

Bringing Youth Towards Equality (B.Y.T.E.) received \$58,567 to deliver a leadership training workshop to two youth from each community in Yukon.

"This is a new project that could not have happened without support from the CDF," Community Outreach Coordinator Tanyss Knowles said. "The Leaders-in-Training workshop builds on the programming we already deliver in rural communities and will allow for a more sustainable relationship between B.Y.T.E. and youth in communities throughout Yukon."

The Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) received \$20,000 to assist in recognizing the 40th Anniversary of the historic document *Together Today for our Children Tomorrow*.

"CYFN is very excited to receive funding from the Community Development Fund to help celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our land claim process," Grand Chief Ruth Massie said. "This will give us an opportunity to highlight some of our achievements by First Nation governments as well as individuals who have supported this process."

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 available for applicants requesting \$20,001 to \$75,000 and Tier 3 funding is available for requests over \$75,000. The next intake deadline is January 15 for Tier 1 and 3 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](http://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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## **CDF Tier I October 15, 2012 Intake Approved Projects**

### **Carcross Campus, Yukon College** – \$1,913 Food Security Essential Skills

This project is an essential skills course in food security in conjunction with a hands-on program delivered by the Carcross/Tagish First Nation. The project will create 750 hours of employment for two people.

**Contact:** Leslie Kerr at 867-821-8800.

### **Council of Yukon First Nations** – \$20,000 40th Anniversary of *Together Today for Our Children Tomorrow*

To coordinate a variety of events to celebrate 40 years since Together Today for Our Children Tomorrow was created. The celebration aims to recognize the achievements and milestones First Nations have made over the last 40 years and celebrate where First Nations are today. The project will create 428 hours of employment for one person.

**Contact:** Denise Beattie at 867-393-9224.

### **Fondation boréale** – \$5,950 Ensuring the Sustainable Development of the Foundation

To provide the organization with a clear vision, measurable objectives and efficient fund-allocation programs and mechanisms so it can become a true sustainable development vehicle for Yukon's Francophone community. The project will create 45 hours of employment for one person.

**Contact:** Julie Ménard at 867-668-2663, extension 550.

### **Recreation and Parks Association of the Yukon** – \$9,053 Cycle Smart for Yukon Kids

To provide on-bike safety skills and training to children throughout Yukon. The project will create 515 hours of employment for four people.

**Contact:** Jenyfer Neumann at 867-393-3618.

### **Snowboard Yukon Association** – \$2,500 Event Coordinator

Event coordination to support athlete and volunteer development and participation in joint Snowboard Yukon and Yukon Freestyle Ski Association events in the 2012/2013 ski/snowboard season. The project will create 150 hours of employment for one person.

**Contact:** Norm Curzon at 867-334-3585.

### **Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation** – \$20,000 Career Exploration Week

To coordinate a variety of activities during Career Exploration Week such as the launch of the Educational Achievement publication, an interactive job fair and a job shadow day. The project will create 1162 hours of employment for two people.

**Contact:** Melissa Atkinson at 867-993-7111.

### **Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition** – \$8,200 Landlords' Participation in a Rent Well Program

To seek landlords' input and collaboration in a Yukon Rent Well Program that aims to achieve stable, safe and healthy rental housing. The project will create 110 hours of employment for one person.

**Contact:** Kristina Craig at 867-334-9317.

### **Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council** – \$19,640 Yukon Youth and the Participatory Geography Initiative

To introduce Yukon's youth to the world of participatory geography, a method that connects observational and traditional knowledge, modern scientific study and hands-on engagement with issues about community preservation, environmental conservation and youth skill development. The project will create 800 hours of employment for two people.

**Contact:** Jody Inkster at 867-393-2199.

## **CDF Tier II September 15, 2012 Intake Approved Projects**

### **Association of Yukon Communities** – \$25,654 Newly Elected Officials Training

Three-day workshop to provide training for newly-elected mayors and councillors in Yukon. Contact: Laura Eby at 867-668-4388.

### **Bringing Youth Towards Equality (B.Y.T.E.)** – \$58,567 Facilitation Team: Leaders in Training

B.Y.T.E. will deliver a multi-day Leaders-in-Training (LIT) workshop in Whitehorse to two youth aged 12-16 from each rural community in Yukon. The trained youth will participate in follow-up activities including co-facilitating workshops in their home communities and taking an active role on B.Y.T.E.'s Advisory Committee as youth advisors. The project will create 530 hours of employment for 13 people.

**Contact:** Tanyss Knowles at 867-667-7975.

### **Champagne and Aishihik First Nations** – \$24,800 Fitness Room Equipment Purchase

To establish an equipped fitness room in the Old Daku building for the use of the community and as part of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Wellness Strategy. The project will create 90 hours of employment for nine people.

**Contact:** Brendan Wiklund at 867-634-4010.

### **Dawson Shelter Society** – \$40,500 Expansion

To renovate a Yukon Housing Corp. duplex to provide more space for women and children in crisis and provide space to hold relevant programming for the women and girls in Dawson City and surrounding areas.

**Contact:** Diane Schroeder at 867-993-5986.

### **Elizabeth Fry Society Yukon** – \$46,741 Volunteer Coordinator and Training for Elizabeth Fry Volunteers

To develop a volunteer program with the tools, strategies, policies and procedures that will support the program's sustainability. The project will create 1060 hours of employment for two people.

**Contact:** Katherine Alexander at 867-335-1443.

### **Kluane First Nation** – \$75,000 Rink Board System

To purchase and install a rink board system in a newly created community structure. The project will create 232 hours of employment for five people.

**Contact:** Geordan Clark at 867-335-3693.

### **St. Elias Cross Country Ski Club** – \$20,138 Haines Junction Ski Trail Improvement and Maintenance

To purchase new ski trail grooming equipment, including a snow machine, groomer, track setter/leveler, and drag, as well as improve signage on the ski trails to make them more inviting and enjoyable for Yukoners.

**Contact:** Meghann-Leigh Willard at 867-634-2750.

### **Yukon Women in Mining Association** – \$22,900 Marketing & Awareness Campaign

Yukon Women in Mining (YukonWIM) seeks to create awareness of the opportunity for rewarding careers for women in the mineral and mining industry through targeted marketing and awareness events. The project will create 200 hours of employment for one person.

**Contact:** Anne Lewis at 867-335-1452.

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