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CDF AWARDS TIER 1 FUNDING TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS

WHITEHORSE – Economic Development’s Community Development Fund has disbursed \$199,018 to 16 community projects approved under Tier 1 criteria.

Tier 1 funding is for project applicants seeking financial contributions of \$20,000 or less.

“Money given to these projects represents the Yukon government’s commitment to health, culture, recreation and stewardship in all communities,” Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. “Yukoners will benefit from initiatives like youth empowerment programs, sports facilities and parks upgrade and the enhancement of First Nations’ cultural sites and programs.”

Challenge-Community Vocational Alternatives was awarded \$18,056 for the construction of an addition to its downtown Whitehorse building to become a facility for training the disabled.

“This is the first step in something that’s really going to respond to the needs of our community,” Rick Goodfellow, the Challenge-Community Vocational Alternatives executive director said. “Everybody’s going to benefit from this.”

The Frostbite Music Society received \$6,265 for phase one of renovations to its Chambers House project. Built in downtown Whitehorse in 1925, the Chambers House was moved to a storage compound in 1995, and is now awaiting relocation to Shipyards Park where the society plans to use it for office space.

“The monies that we are receiving will help us with the feasibility portion of our project,” Brenda Barnes, the Frostbite Music Society general manager said. “It’s very exciting to receive the support of the Yukon government for this project.”

The next Community Development Fund intake will be July 15 for project applications of \$20,000 or less.

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More information on the Community Development Fund is available at the Government of Yukon Web site: www.gov.yk.ca.

Backgrounder: Tier 1 Projects Awarded

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BACKGROUND – TIER 1 PROJECTS AWARDED

St. Pauls Anglican Church (Dawson City) received \$15,972 for the removal of a furnace system and installation of a new heating system. Contact: Aldene Snider at (867) 993-5381

B.Y.T.E. (Bringing Youth Toward Equality) was awarded \$13,200 for Connecting Youth; four rural community workshops on youth issues, addictions and empowerment. Contact: Jen Jones at (867) 667-7975

Challenge-Community Vocational Alternatives received \$18,056 for its Challenge CVA Training Room Project, an addition to provide training to the disabled. Rick Goodfellow at (867) 668-4421

Frostbite Music Society received \$6,265 for the production of architectural and structural assessments of the Chambers House, for renovation and re-location to Shipyard Park to become the society's permanent home. Contact: Brenda Barnes at (867) 668-4921

Klondike Youth Sports Society received \$15,708 to complete the Dawson City Soccer Field located at Crocus Bluff. Contact: Irwin Gaw at (867) 993-7226

Na-Cho Nyak Dun First Nation was awarded \$3,014 for Interpretive Panels and Trail. Funding will be used to cut a trail and erect interpretive signs along the river where the river channel has been reconstructed for juvenile salmon habitat. Contact: Russell McDiarmid at (867) 996-2415

North Yukon Renewable Resources Council got \$16,150 for a Fishing Hunting Training Camp to teach Old Crow youth traditional harvesting and game preparation. Contact: Darcie Matthiessen at (867) 966-3034

Raven Recycling Society received \$10,000 to build a composite demonstration garden and improve the entrance to the recycling centre. Contact: Johanna Martin at (867) 667-7269

Selkirk First Nation was granted \$19,825 for construction of a small skateboard park in the community of Pelly Crossing. Contact: Bonnie Roberts at (867) 537-3331

Selkirk Renewable Resource Council received \$16,011 for a Wildlife Steward position. SRRC proposed hiring a graduate of the Renewable Resource Management Course to supervise student Wildlife Steward positions. Contact: Dale Bradley at (867) 537-3937

Ta'an Kwach'an Council was awarded \$11,575 to form a strategic, long-range development plan for the meeting grounds at Lake Labarge (Helen's Fish Camp). Cathrine Poole at (867) 668-3613

Teslin Renewable Resources Council received \$9,293 to construct a deck and interpretive signage at the George Johnston Museum. Contact: Frank Johnstone at (867) 390-2323

Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre received \$6,240 for Empowerment Camp for Girls, a two-week summer camp for young women that emphasizes confidence, positive attitude and teamwork. Contact: Bonnitta Ritchie at (867) 667-2693

Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre also received \$7,240 for its Mom's & Kid's Recreation Program, an activity daycamp for low income mothers and their children, aged zero to eight. The camp runs one day per week for 12 weeks and includes crafts, guest presenters, outdoor activities, and healthy lunches. Contact: Bonnitta Ritchie at (867) 667-2693

Whitehorse Curling Club was granted \$19,700 to host the 2006 National Mixed Curling Championships. Contact: Derek Charlton at (867) 667-2875

Yukon Agricultural Association received \$10,769 to assist in hosting the annual Klondike Harvest Fair. Contact: Rose Drury at (867) 668-6864