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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND DISBURSES TIER 2 MONIES

WHITEHORSE – Government of Yukon’s Community Development Fund has awarded \$685,518 to 15 projects in six communities.

“This funding will contribute greatly to the quality of life in communities by enhancing infrastructure for sports, recreation and arts,” Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said.

Faro will be pleased to know its community golf course is scheduled for completion this year, thanks to a Community Development Fund cheque for \$73,172.

“Faro’s golf course is a major project with significant impact on beautification, recreation, tourism and the local economy in our town,” Saskia Bunicich, community development coordinator for the Town of Faro said. “We are very grateful for the continued support from the Community Development Fund which allows us to finalize our golf course and start maximizing the benefits to our community.”

Vuntut Gwitch’in First Nation’s youth recreation site also received a grant for \$54,924 to build Old Crow’s first hard outdoor playing surface. The surface will provide an area for the youth to develop a small skateboard park and there will now be an outdoor basketball hoop. The surface will be flooded for a small skating rink in the winter months.

“With so many community activities centred at our community hall, we needed a recreation outlet for the younger children during adult events,” Barry Drury, director of government services for Vuntut Gwitch’in First Nation said. “This funding, along with support from the community and youth who are already planning their area, will greatly add to the possible recreation activities in Old Crow.”

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation received \$21,285 for a Yukon Heritage Training Needs Assessment.

“Heritage is one of the fastest growing sectors in Yukon communities, yet formal training remains sporadic and unfocussed,” Mark Nelson, heritage officer with the First Nation said. “This funding will allow us to assess the shortfalls, and to propose options for addressing them.”

Tier 2 funding is for applications between \$20,001 and \$75,000. The next intake for Tier 2 applications will be Sept. 15.

Learn more about how the Community Development Fund may benefit your community by visiting the main Yukon government site www.gov.yk.ca or <http://www.economicdevelopment/general/cdfindex.html>.

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Attachment: List of Tier 2 projects funded

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BACKGROUND – TIER 2 PROJECTS AWARDED

Carcross/Tagish First Nation received \$20,000 for Wellness Through Trails, a project involving a development plan that will outline the location of a single track trail network in the Carcross area. Contact: Mark Wedge at (867) 821-8200.

Council of Yukon First Nations received \$37,341 for the 2005 Indian Days Celebration and the 18 Annual Handgames Championships. Contact: Roberta Yeomans at 393-9224.

Great Northern Ski Society received \$64,562 for 25 chairlift lifting frames to be locally fabricated for Mt. Sima. Contact: Ernie Berken at 633-2580.

Guild Society received \$75,000 for the completion of an architectural design and for design and engineering specifications required for the Guild Hall Theatre reconstruction. Contact: Tina Woodland at 633-3550.

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation received \$21,285 for a Yukon Heritage Training Needs Assessment for the Yukon heritage sector as a whole and also for the First Nation specifically. Contact: Mark Nelson at (867) 863-5576, extension 237.

Riverdale Community Association received \$23,404 for development of the Liard Road Park Playground. Contact: Ted Staffen at 667-2900.

Softball Yukon received \$75,000 for infield replacement at Takhini Softball complex. Contact: George Arcand at 667-4547.

St. Elias Lion's Club received \$30,000 to upgrade and replace children's play equipment at the Lion's playground adjacent to the recreation and convention facilities. Contact: Bernie Genier at (876) 634-2682.

Town of Faro received \$73,172 for completion of the Faro community golf course. Contact: Saskia Bunicich at (867) 994-2728.

Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre received \$57,067 for its Extreme Makeover, renovations and upgrading to the Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre. Contact: Bonnita Ritchie at 667-2693.

Village of Haines Junction received \$30,000 for the Pine Lake Trail System, to repair and restore an existing trail in Haines Junction, between the Mountainview Motel to the corner just before the Pine Lake campground entrance. Contact: Colin Dean at 867-634-7100.

Vuntut Gwitch'in First Nation received \$54,924 to construct a wood surface for court sports and the purchase of playground apparatus for youth aged 5-12 adjacent to the community hall. Contact: Barry Drury at (867) 966-3261.

Whitehorse Youth Centre Society received \$23,763 for “Building Foundations, Building Community” that will assist the Whitehorse Youth Centre Society in its development as a training and mentoring agency for young First Nation adults. Contact: Stephen Mead at 393-2824.

Yukon Arts Centre Corporation / Yukon Arts Society received \$50,000 for the 2005 Arts Underground Project, the creation of a heritage gallery, art gallery and art education facility in donated retail space at the Hougen's Centre on Main Street. Contact: Chris Dray at 667-8577.

Yukon Trappers' Association received \$50,000 for Klondike Soft Gold, a fur marketing program for the Yukon fur trapping industry. Contact: Carmen Nantel at 667-7091.