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MONIES FOR TIER 1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISBURSED

WHITEHORSE – Eight Yukon communities will share in \$264,365 worth of Community Development Fund Tier 1 funding.

“This funding will deliver assistance to 21 great projects that will help their communities prepare for the busy summer ahead,” Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. “From research to rodeo, the Community Development Fund money boosts projects both new and ongoing.”

The Yukon Historical and Museums Association received \$10,700 to conduct a research symposium that will provide amateur northern historians and researchers with an opportunity to share their work and observe the work of others.

“*Discovering Northern Gold* is an opportunity to bring to light the many hidden research projects while fostering an appreciation and a better understanding of our unique history,” Rebecca Jansen, executive director of Yukon Historical and Museums Association, said.

A \$10,000 Community Development Fund contribution was also made to the Yukoner’s Community Broadcast Society for the development of a strategic plan.

“Everyone at the Yukoner’s Community Broadcast Society is excited about receiving this grant,” society president Leonard Alexander said. “Now we can carry on with our project of getting community TV back here on the air.”

Tier 1 funding is made available for applications up to \$20,000.

Learn more about the Community Development Fund and how it may benefit your community projects by visiting the Yukon government website: www.gov.yk.ca.

Applications for Tier Two funding, from \$20,000 to \$75,000, are being accepted until Sept. 15.

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Backgrounder: List of Tier 1 applications approved

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BACKGROUNDER: LIST OF TIER 1 APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Alsek Music Festival Society received \$1,600 to purchase lighting and a backdrop for the hospitality tent at the Alsek Music Festival. Contact Richard Godson at 867-634-2107.

Dawson City Community Radio Society received \$5,366 for a radio broadcast training workshop for Dawson residents. Contact Ashley Doiron at 867-993-5231.

Dawson City Music Festival received \$8,090 to purchase a sound system that will be adequate for the year-round presentation and special events needs of the Dawson City Music Festival Society and other groups. Contact Dylan Caiffith at 867-993-5584.

Great Northern Ski Society received \$20,000 for a larger and more powerful snow groomer for Mt. Sima that was used to prepare venues for the just completed Canadian Jr. national Freestyle Skiing Championships. Contact Ernie Berken at 668-4557.

Marsh Lake Community Society received \$1,200 for community signage for a number of community bulletin boards for Marsh Lake. Contact Judy Corley at 660-4311.

Marsh Lake Fire Rescue Department received \$10,000 to continue with disaster planning for the Marsh Lake area. Contact Donna Larsen at 660-4600.

Recreation and Parks Association Yukon received \$19,170 to provide aquatic training courses in Yukon communities for lifeguards, instructors and other pool staff. Contact Richele Bauer at 667-4873.

Selkirk Renewable Resource Council received \$9,466 for its Wildlife Steward Project, to hire a college student and two high school students as wildlife stewards. Contact Dale Bradley at 867-537-3937.

Softball Yukon received \$20,000 to install eight sets of bleachers at the minor softball fields and two scoreboards at the Takhini complex. Contact George Arcand at 667-4487.

Ta'an Kwach'an Council received \$20,000 for the installation of a skating pad at the Lake Laberge hockey rink, to enable the facility to be used year-round. Contact Shawn MacRury at 668-3613.

Ted Harrison Artist Retreat Society (THARS) received \$19,028 for improvements to the retreat cabin, including the installation of a self-sufficient water system, the building of an exterior staircase, upgrades to electrical installations and chinking. Contact Samantha Dickie at 393-2787.

Teslin Recreation Society received \$5,085 to construct a storage facility to house recreational equipment for the community of Teslin. Contact Patty Wiseman at 867-390-2741.

Town of Faro received \$19,890 for upgrades to the Faro cross-country ski chalet and warming cabin. Contact Saskia Bunicichi at 867-994-2728.

Watson Lake Rodeo Association received \$13,500 to host a Classic Horse Show 2006 in July. Contact Brenda Cornell at 867-537-7385.

Whitehorse Women's Hockey League received \$3,500 for a women's hockey tournament. Contact Ruby Ho at 334-2135.

Yukon Agricultural Association received \$10,000 to organize and host the 12th annual Klondike Harvest Fair. Contact Rose Drury at 668-6864.

Yukon Amateur Hockey Association received \$19,140 to host BC Midget Provincials 2006 in conjunction with Whitehorse Minor Hockey here in Whitehorse. Contact Jim Stephens at 393-4501.

Yukon Canoe and Kayak Club received \$19,550 for its Rock the River Conceptual Design Project, to investigate future development options on the Yukon River in Whitehorse, with a view to increasing opportunities for educational, recreational and competitive paddling. Contact John Quinsey at 633-2417.

Yukon Council on Aging received \$19,080 for a series of six workshops on issues affecting seniors. Contact Dorothy Drummond at 668-3383.

Yukon Historical and Museums Association received \$10,700 for *Discovering Northern Gold*, a research symposium design to provide "non-professional" northern historians an opportunity to share research initiatives with a larger audience. Contact Rebecca Jansen at 667-4704.

Yukoner's Community Broadcast Society received \$10,000 to develop a strategic plan for the Yukon Community Broadcast Society. Contact Leonard Alexander at 633-2200.