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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND SUPPORTS FOURTEEN MORE PROJECTS**

WHITEHORSE – Community Development Fund (CDF) has awarded funding to 14 projects across the territory. Over \$166,000 in CDF Tier 1 funding was awarded this spring, and will support a variety of projects ranging from aquatics training to community literacy. All the funded projects are working to improve the quality of life for Yukoners.

“These projects are improving Yukoners quality of life in many different ways,” Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. “A very impressive range of projects have received funding this summer and each one is an example of great community-based work being undertaken throughout Yukon.”

CDF has contributed \$16,057 towards Recreation & Parks Association of the Yukon’s (RPAY) aquatics training program in five Yukon communities this summer. Last year this program provided aquatics certification for 27 participants from Yukon communities and re-certification for 57 participants.

“This training has allowed community participants to obtain and maintain the certifications required for employment as lifeguards and instructors at community swimming pools,” RPAY Aquatics Coordinator Richele Bauer said. “These courses could not be offered in Yukon communities without the support of CDF.”

The Yukon Literacy Coalition received \$19,932 to support the Family Reading Tents initiative. The Family Reading Tents travel to Yukon communities encouraging family and community literacy.

“This funding means that the Family Reading Tent program will be in every Yukon community this summer,” Yukon Literacy Coalition Executive Director Beth Mulloy said. “The tent has proven to be a creative and engaging way for families and community members to work together to improve their literacy skills.”

Tier 1 level of funding is designed for applications of \$20,000 or less with four application intakes each year. Community development funding is also available for larger projects, with Tier 2 awards for applications in the range of \$20,001 to \$75,000, and Tier 3 awards for applications over \$75,000.

Learn more about the Community Development Fund and how it may benefit your community projects by visiting [www.gov.yk.ca](http://www.gov.yk.ca). The Community Development Fund office is open to assist with the application process.

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Attachment: List of Tier 1 projects funded.

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## **ATTACHMENT: List of Tier 1 Projects Funded**

**Association of Yukon Fire Chiefs** received \$20,000 for their Training & Education Conference – to provide Yukon Fire Chiefs & Senior Fire Officers with the training and educational tools necessary to effectively train their firefighters. **Contact:** Jim Regimbal at (867) 993-7407.

**Braeburn Lake Christian Camp Association** received \$5,200 for a Waterfront/Recreation Upgrade - the goal of this project is to improve and enhance waterfront and recreation facilities for safety, fun and skill building. **Contact:** Susan Titterington at (867) 393-5011.

**Faro Bible Chapel** received \$5,000 to improve the Faro Clothing Exchange Facility – to construct a larger building that is heated and lighted to facilitate the drop-off, sorting, exchange and distribution of used clothing, household items and toys. **Contact:** Jim McLachlan at (867) 994-2568.

**Fireweed Community Market Society** received \$2,003 to hire four staff for the 2007 season: one market manager; one market assistant; and two set up/take down assistants. **Contact:** Simone Rudge at (867) 393-4628.

**Klondike Snowmobile Association** received \$7,178 to purchase a grooming drag to assist in the grooming and upkeep of 400 km of multi-use trails. **Contact:** Mark Daniels at (867) 667-7680.

**MacBride Museum** received \$17,000 for the Cluttertorium Open Storage project – to develop increased access by the public to the MacBride's collection. **Contact:** Patricia Cuning at (867) 667-2709.

**Recreation & Parks Association Yukon** received \$16,057 to offer aquatic training courses for lifeguards, instructors and other pool staff in Yukon communities. **Contact:** Richele Bauer at (867) 667-4873.

**Ross River Dena Council** received \$20,000 to establish a 21-day Environmental and Outdoor Studies field course for 12 Kaska youth. **Contact:** Norman Barichello at (867) 969-2278.

**Village of Haines Junction** received \$15,000 to complete the Pine Lake campground trail improvements. **Contact:** Colin Dean at (867) 634-7100.

**Village of Teslin** received \$11,696 to conduct Hands on Capacity Workshops, four two-day workshops to develop local approaches to capacity building for community development. This pilot project is a collaboration between the Village of Teslin and Teslin Tlingit Council. **Contact:** Christine Spinder at (867) 332-4028.

**White River First Nation** received \$12,344 to build a Wish Tree Community Garden to introduce the social benefits of gardening as a community and the health benefits of eating homegrown food. **Contact:** Glenn Stephen at (867) 862-7802.

**Yukon Conservation Society** received \$4,050 to bring YCS' Free Guided Hikes program into Yukon communities by providing free guided hikes in conjunction with special events like the Dawson Salmon Days and the Whitehorse Storytelling Festival. **Contact:** Georgia Greetham at (867) 667-5678.

**Yukon Literacy Coalition** received \$19,932 to travel to Yukon communities to host the Family Reading Tents encouraging community literacy. **Contact:** Beth Mulloy at (867) 668-6535.

**Yukon Wholistic Health Network** received \$11,500 to hold the Yukon Wholistic Health and Wellness Fair. **Contact:** Heather Ashthorn at (867) 633-6770.