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YUKON GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS 16 COMMUNITY PROJECTS THIS SUMMER

WHITEHORSE, YT – Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon has announced 16 Tier 1 Community Development Fund (CDF) grant recipients. These most recent CDF-supported projects are working to improve quality of life in Yukon by meeting the needs of Yukoners of all ages.

“The recipients of CDF grants are excellent examples of the hard working, community-based groups across Yukon that are working for the benefit of Yukoners,” Kenyon said. “It is important that our government continue to support projects of this kind to ensure they can continue the work they do to improve the lives of all Yukoners.”

The Town of Faro is receiving \$12,850 to revitalize its skateboard park. The goal of the project is to engage youth in the development, planning and revitalization of the town’s existing skateboard facility.

“The skateboard facility has been identified by the youth as something they want,” Faro Chief Administrative Officer Hermann Minderlein said. “It will provide youth with exposure to training opportunities in the trades required for this project.”

The Yukon Council on Aging is arranging a series of workshops on issues affecting Yukon seniors. Topics for the popular workshops include wills, the role of a care giver, preparing for a pandemic and living with Alzheimers disease. The CDF contributed \$16,632 to this project as part of the Yukon government’s continued support for projects that provide services to elders and seniors.

“Seniors are an integral part of any community and it is important that seniors be educated, informed and continue the upgrading of knowledge on all matters affecting their health, welfare, safety and security,” Yukon Council on Aging member, Dorothy Drummond said. “Seniors really appreciate that there is funding available to keep them up to date on issues that matter to them.”

CDF grants are available to a wide variety of community organizations. Funding is divided into three tiers; Tier 1 is funds up to \$20,000 per request, Tier 2 funding is for project requests between \$20,001 and \$75,000 and Tier 3 supports requests above \$75,000.

For more information about CDF or to find out if your project might be eligible, please visit www.economicdevelopment.gov.yk.ca or call the CDF office at (867) 667-8125.

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For a complete list of Tier 1 recipients from the July 15 intake, see attached.

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Tier 1 Community Development Fund Recipients:

Beaver Creek Community Club - \$16,375 Future Aspects of a Desirable Community Beautification project - To make the community more desirable for citizens and visitors. **Contact:** Debbie Brown at (867) 862-7505

BYTE (Bringing Youth Toward Equality) - \$19,473 Get Connected Action Camps - To organize Get Connected Youth Action Camps and host the camps in the communities of Pelly Crossing, Mayo and Faro. **Contact:** Rachel Parks at (867) 667-7975

City of Dawson - \$18,000 Seasonal Worker Needs Analysis - To conduct a needs analysis that sets out in a clear and comprehensive manner, the housing infrastructure needs of the seasonal worker population. **Contact:** Mark Wickham at (867) 993-7414

Gentle Steps - \$3,760 Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre - To provide a Therapeutic Riding and Creative Arts Program for children with special needs in Watson Lake and surrounding area as well as training costs for instructor certification. **Contact:** Elizabeth Lexow at (867) 536-7479

Humane Society Dawson - \$5,138 Neutral Fence & Shaded Ramp or Shelter Yard - To build a fence in the yard as well as a shaded ramp. **Contact:** CJ Russell at (867) 993-6900

Ta'an Kwach'an Council - \$11,500 Strategic Plan for Helen's Fish Camp - In consultation with the Ta'an Kwach'an community and other stakeholders, to prepare a strategic plan for Helen's Fish Camp that will guide its future use and development. **Contact:** Carl Evers at (867) 668-3613

Town of Faro - \$12,850 Skateboard Park Revitalization Project – To engage youth in the development, planning and revitalization of an existing skateboard facility. **Contact:** Hermann Minderlein at (867) 994-2728

Town of Watson Lake - \$6,667 Bowling Security Wall - To build a wall that separates the curling lounge from the bowling lanes and other activity centres in the recreation centre. **Contact:** Rick Harder at (867) 536-8010

Village of Haines Junction - \$19,350 Community Asset Mapping Pilot Project - To evaluate the methodology and outcomes of an asset mapping process as a pilot project in the communities of Carcross and Carmacks. **Contact:** Nancy Moore at (867) 536-7366

Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation - \$17,820 Chuu-Ttha Camp - To run a holistic healing camp focusing on the spiritual, mental, physical, social, economical and emotional aspects for both First Nation and non-First Nation community members. **Contact:** Jana Huismans at (867) 966-3261 ext.251

Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation - \$20,000 Skills Exploration Partnership Project – To conduct a Skills Exploration Program allowing for exploration and engagement of personal and professional skills with the goal of identifying next steps towards employment and self-sustainability. **Contact:** James Wood at (867) 966-3519

Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club - \$19,000 Ski Playground - To develop a ski playground for younger skiers. **Contact:** Mike Gladish at (867) 668-4477

Yukon Conservation Society - \$18,740 Stories for Change - To develop, design and implement "Stories for Change" - an environmental digital storybook for children in Grades 1 to 5 with Yukon features to develop knowledge in science, nature and conservation. **Contact:** Karen Baltgailis at (867) 668-5678

Yukon Council on Aging - \$16,632 Workshops in Issues Affecting Seniors - To put on a series of workshops on issues affecting seniors. **Contact:** Dorothy Drummond at (867) 668-3383

Yukon Quest International Association - \$10,000 Multi-Lingual Brochure Project - Phase II - Produce and distribute Yukon Quest brochure in four languages. **Contact:** Wendy Morrison at (867) 668-4711

Yukon WITT - \$5,000 Young Women Exploring Trades Conference - To put on a one day conference for 120 grade 8 girls from Whitehorse and rural communities to provide hands on experience with different trades. **Contact:** Betty Irwin at (867) 667-4441