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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND AWARDS FUNDING TO TWELVE PROJECTS**

WHITEHORSE – Twelve community projects in seven Yukon communities have been awarded \$157,345 of Community Development Fund Tier 1 funding.

“This funding will deliver support to 12 important community projects,” Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. “These projects supported by the Community Development Fund create economic and social benefits around Yukon.”

In support of the Outdoor Science Camp for Girls, the North Yukon Community Steward received \$13,226 to develop a credited outdoor science program for Old Crow youth.

“The Outdoor Science Camp for Girls is a tremendous opportunity for the community of Old Crow,” North Yukon Community Steward Jennifer Smith said. “This project combines an innovative youth program with the development of a long-term community based ecological monitoring project.”

A \$13,446 Community Development Fund contribution was also made to the Klondyke Goldpanning Association for the purchase of special goldpanning troughs.

“We are very excited about receiving this support by the Community Development Fund,” Klondyke Goldpanning Association chairperson Brenda Caley said. “These special units will allow Dawson to host the 2007 World Goldpanning Championships and future gold panning events.”

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](http://www.gov.yk.ca).

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Backgrounder: List of Tier 1 projects awarded

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## **BACKGROUNDER - TIER 1 COMMUNITY PROJECTS AWARDED**

**Dawson City Museum & Historical Society** will receive \$19,912 to refurbish and upgrade the natural history display and prepare a plan for the development of an exhibition on Klondike City. Contact: Julia Pike at 993-5291.

**Freedom Trails Therapeutic Riding Association** will receive \$2,412 to send two instructors to the North America Riding for the Handicapped Association conference. Contact: Judy Fortin at 633-5911.

**Klondyke Goldpanning Association** will receive \$13,446 to obtain the necessary infrastructure, specifically 40 goldpanning troughs, required to host the 2007 World Goldpanning Championships. Contact: Brenda Caley at 993-5575.

**North Yukon Community Steward** will receive \$13,226 to develop an Outdoor Science Camp for Girls, a credited outdoor science program for Old Crow youth (girls), coupled with the development of a long-term community based ecological monitoring project. Contact: Jennifer Smith at 966-3037.

**Rotary Club of Whitehorse** will receive \$20,000 to construct a two story Mt. Sima Ski Patrol Hut to be used by ski patrollers. Contact: Don Hutton at 660-4703.

**Tr'ondek Hwech'in First Nation** will receive \$18,573 to host a four-day cultural and educational celebration, Moosehide Gathering 2006. Contact: Glen Everitt at 993-7168.

**Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre** will receive \$6,083 to run an activity day camp, Moms & Kids Summer Recreation Program, for low-income mothers and their children ages 0 – 8, which will run one day per week for 10 weeks and includes crafts, guest presenters, outdoor activities, and healthy lunches. Contact: Bonnitta Ritchie at 667-2693.

**Village of Carmacks** will receive \$8,000 to construct a walking trail, Park Ave. Walking Trail, from the Nordenskiold River Bailey Bridge to Tew Park. Contact: Bob Jackman at 863-6271.

**Village of Teslin** will receive \$20,000 to upgrade the Teslin boat launch/marina – to encourage use and to enhance the community appeal to the traveling public. Contact: Wes Wirth at 390-2530.

**Watson Lake Outdoor Recreation Association** will receive \$5,350 to re-establish, expand and upgrade the multi-use trails and gun range in the area. Contact: Richard Potvin at 536-7335.

**WeCan Conflict Resolution Society of the Yukon** will receive \$19,783 to hold a summer camp, Youth Summer Institute, to train 30 Yukon youth in conflict resolution, negotiation, and dealing with differences. Contact: Maureen McCann at 456-7735.

**Whitehorse Youth Centre Society** will receive \$10,560 to hire a youth mentor to supervise two youth staff throughout the summer, Our Youth Our Community. Contact: Allison Beckman at 668-3538.