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YUKON GOVERNMENT'S CDF SUPPORTS FORWARD-LOOKING PROJECTS

WHITEHORSE – Thirteen community projects are receiving \$759,414 in Yukon government support through the Community Development Fund (CDF).

"I am pleased to see our communities taking on such positive and beneficial initiatives," Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. "These projects are forward-looking, offering learning opportunities, enhancing recreational infrastructure and supporting the tourism industry."

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation was a successful applicant, receiving \$48,410 for improvements to the community campground to encourage future use of the area.

"This funding will make a big difference to our campground and the surrounding area," Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Implementation Researcher Dawn Charlie said. "The brush cutting will open up the space to make it safer and the river front will be seen and enjoyed by everyone. We will be consulting with the municipal office and everyone in the community to determine the future use of the campground."

The Association of Yukon Fire Chiefs (AYFC) was also a successful applicant, receiving \$70,000 to host their 100th Anniversary Fire-Rescue Canada Training and Education Symposium to be held in Whitehorse Sept. 21 to 24.

"We are very grateful for the ongoing support provided by Economic Development," Dawson City Fire Chief and AYFC President Jim Regimbal said. "The theme of this year's conference is 'History Shaping the Future' and it will be an invaluable education, training and networking opportunity for all members of the fire service. CDF has helped us out in the past and we feel the CDF is our partner in community safety."

These recipients were awarded funding under Tier 2 which allocates between \$20,001 and \$75,000 per request. Tier 1 funding allocates up to \$20,000 and Tier 3 funding supports requests above \$75,000. The next deadline is Sept. 15 for Tier 2 applications.

To learn more about the CDF, visit www.economicdevelopment.gov.yk.ca or contact the CDF office at (867) 667-8125 where Community Development Advisors are available to assist with project ideas and the application process.

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For a complete list of recipients, see attached.

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Tier 2 Community Development Fund Recipients

Association of Yukon Fire Chiefs - \$70,000 - Conference/Symposium 2008:

To host the 100th Anniversary Conference of the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs. This is a national conference that will attract close to 500 fire chiefs from across Canada and North America. **Contact:** Jim Regimbal at 867-993-7407

Dawson City Museum & Historical Society - \$45,867 – Mannequins:

The Dawson City Museum will produce new mannequins for its permanent gallery, featuring the faces and hands of local citizens. The project will create 1,537 hours of employment for one person. **Contact:** Laura Mann at 867-993-5291

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Society - \$29,856 - Kluane Reflection Camp:

To provide a supported summer camp experience for 12 adults living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. The project will create 252 hours of employment for five people. **Contact:** Lilliam Sequeira at 867-393-4948

Klondike Active Trails & Transport Society - \$23,730 - Upgrade and Construct Recreational Trails:

To complete the trail upgrades to the 9th Avenue Trail between Crocus Bluff and the Mary McLeod Road. The project will create 520 hours of employment for four people. **Contact:** Alex Brook at 867-993-5478

Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon - \$71,861 - Family Capacity Enhancement Project:

To strengthen the 'family support' component of the various strategies that research has shown is helpful to persons with disabilities. The project will create 2,500 hours of employment for three people. **Contact:** Joel Macht at 867-668-5167

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation - \$48,410 - Campground Improvement and Planning Project:

To make improvements to the campground to encourage better use of the area. The project will create 4,480 hours of employment for eight people. **Contact:** Dawn Charlie at 867-863-5905

Lorne Mountain Community Association - \$34,300 - Main Building Upgrade:

Renovations and upgrading to the Community Centre to keep the facility running safely and available to the public. The project will create 480 hours of employment for 12 people. **Contact:** Agnes Seitz at 867-667-7083

Selkirk First Nation - \$75,000 - Public Access & Community Beautification for Public Buildings:

To improve the public access and beautify the areas around and adjacent to various public buildings in the community that are used for various activities including tourism, local and regional gatherings. The project will create 4,320 hours of employment for nine people.

Contact: Lucy McGinty at 867-537-3331

Tr'ondek Hwech'in First Nation - \$75,000 - Cookhouse and Driveway:

Construction of a cookhouse and upgrading of the driveway at the TH R-22B Land of Plenty site. The project will create 1,700 hours of employment for six people. **Contact:** Brenda Warren at 867-993-7100

Village of Haines Junction - \$70,000 - Pine Lake Multi-Use Trail:

To complete the Pine Lake Multi-Use Trail Upgrades. The project will create 440 hours of employment for three people. **Contact:** Colin Dean at 867-634-7100

Watson Lake Ski Club - \$75,000 - T-bar Carrier Upgrade & Maintenance:

To replace 45 T-bars in order to operate the ski lift safely and efficiently. The project will create 105 hours of employment for three people. **Contact:** Scott Cole at 867-536-7366

Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club - \$75,000 - Trail Lights Upgrade:

To complete Phase Two of the upgrades to the existing trail light system. The project will create 195 hours of employment for four people. **Contact:** Mike Gladish at 867-668-4477

Yukon Literacy Coalition - \$65,390 - Imagination Yukon:

To develop, launch and facilitate Imagination Yukon - A Family Literacy Centre to support the Imagination Library Project in collaboration with Rotary Rendezvous. The project will create 1,040 hours of employment for one person. **Contact:** Beth Mulloy at 867-668-6535