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Community Development Fund Distributes Monies for Infrastructure

WHITEHORSE – Yukon government’s Community Development Fund (CDF) is awarding over \$392,000 from its Tier 2 intake.

“Most of the funding for this intake will go towards infrastructure projects covering everything from public safety, recreation and heritage to recycling,” Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. “These are all excellent projects that will contribute to the quality of lives of Yukoners.”

The Miles Canyon Historic Railway Society is receiving \$29,751 in funding to improve its infrastructure and develop a marketing plan.

“This funding will go toward repairs at the Copperbelt Railway and Mining Museum, namely the roof of our Quonset hut where the Loki locomotives are kept and for the construction of two small shelters to protect our artifacts from the elements,” Miles Canyon Historic Railway Society Treasurer Norman Eady said. “A comprehensive marketing plan will help us promote our attraction to the community and to visitors as we prepare for the oncoming season.”

A contribution of \$56,131 will go to the Royal Canadian Legion for the purchase and installation of a wheelchair lift at its new location.

“Our new Whitehorse legion branch, located at 503 Steele Street, has more than one level. To enable older and handicapped members as well as the public to visit us and attend various functions, we require a wheelchair lift,” Royal Canadian Legion First Vice-President Don Knutson said.

Community development funding can cover up to 90 per cent of project costs. Tier 1 funding is available for requests up to \$20,000. Tier 2 funding is available for applicants requesting \$20,001 to \$75,000, and Tier 3 funding is available for requests over \$75,000. The next intake deadline is January 15, 2009 for both Tier 1 and Tier 3 applications.

Organizations are encouraged to contact the CDF office with their project ideas well before the deadline date. CDF staff members are available to help proponents develop project ideas and guide applicants through the application process.

To learn more about the CDF, visit www.cdf.gov.yk.ca, or contact the CDF office at 867-667-8125.

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Attachment: List of Tier 2 projects funded.

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Tier 2 Community Development Fund Projects

Dawson City Arts Society - \$46,353 Hall Floor Replacement - To replace the flooring in the historic ballroom of the restored Odd Fellows Hall. The project will create 160 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Karen DuBois at 867-993-5005

Great Northern Ski Society - \$43,191 Electrical Upgrades - Completion of electrical upgrades required for the smooth operation of various lifts to ensure public safety. The project will create 81 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Keith Thaxter at 867-334-3987

Mayo Community Club - \$75,000 Skateboard Park - Construction of a multi-use sports court with an attached skateboard park to enhance recreation opportunities for the residents of Mayo. The project will create 240 hours of employment for 12 people. Contact: Ian Spencer at 867-996-4302

Miles Canyon Historic Railway Society - \$29,751 Infrastructure and Market Planning - To improve infrastructure and enhance the Copperbelt Railway and Mining Museum and conduct research and planning that will lead to a comprehensive marketing plan. The project will create 1,000 hours of employment for 13 people. Contact: Norm Eady at 867-668-5416

Raven Recycling Society - \$75,000 Electric Forklift - To purchase an electric forklift to increase safety and efficiency and begin the process of converting to a cleaner, more environmentally responsible operation. Contact: Danny Lewis at 867-667-7269, ext. 23

Royal Canadian Legion - \$56,131 Wheelchair Lift - To provide a lift which will allow seniors and persons with disabilities access to the new legion building in Whitehorse. The project will create 120 hours of employment for 13 people. Contact: Don Knutson at 867-667-2802

Village of Haines Junction - \$36,000 Skullpture Cabinets - To contract the construction of display cases to house Shane Wilson's *Skullptures Series* artwork. The project will create 358 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Darlene Sillery at 867-634-7127

Yukon Trappers Association - \$31,417 Coordinator, Business & Organization Plan - The purpose of this project is to undertake consultation with members and create an organizational business plan. The project will create 623 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Wendy Fournier at 867-667-7091