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**Community Development Fund Awards nearly \$1 Million for Valuable Tier 3 Projects**

WHITEHORSE - Community Development Fund (CDF) contributed over \$900,000 towards projects approved in the latest Tier 3 intake.

“Tier 3 funding is CDF’s highest funding level and supports projects that benefit, enhance, and sustain communities in a number of ways,” Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. “This intake saw a number of impressive projects that support and improve recreational infrastructure and opportunities.”

The Village of Teslin is receiving \$90,000 to help construct an exercise room in the mezzanine of the Teslin Recreation Complex.

“The community has been asking for a place to train and work out for some time and the exercise room will offer a wide variety of professional gym equipment,” Village of Teslin Recreation Director Nataschaa Chatterton said.

“We expect that at least 60 people per week will be using the exercise room for regular workouts and specific training to participate in sporting events, activities and competitions. We expect the exercise room to be open by September 1; just in time for winter,” Chatterton added.

The Town of Watson Lake is another successful applicant that is receiving \$223,584 to replace the projection system at the Northern Lights Space and Science Centre.

“The current projection system the centre has been using is technically outdated and we have regular breakdowns costing us in parts, repairs and freight,” Northern Lights Centre operations manager Heather Berg said. “This new projection system is totally awesome with up-to-date technology that will give visitors a 360 degree view of all our shows.”

“We plan on enticing visitors to the centre with new signage and advertising in local papers that visitors may read such as *What’s Up Yukon*,” Berg added.

“It is a great thing for the Northern Lights Space and Science Centre to receive this level of funding. The centre is an excellent space where our community can gather and just one example of what unique experiences Yukon has to offer,” Watson Lake MLA Dennis Fentie said.

The Community Development Fund is designed for projects that accomplish long-term social and/or economic benefits and for projects that foster community collaboration and partnerships. Organizations are encouraged to contact the CDF office for assistance with their applications and developing project ideas.

The fund has three funding levels and has awarded over \$16.9 million since 2003. 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 May 15 for both Tier 1 and Tier 2 applications.

To learn more about the Community Development Fund, visit [www.cdf.gov.yk.ca](http://www.cdf.gov.yk.ca) or contact the CDF office at 867-667-8125 or toll-free from the communities by phoning 1-800-661-0408, extension 8125.

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Attachment: List of Tier 3 projects funded

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### **Tier 3 Community Development Recipients**

**City of Dawson** received \$95,000 to construct and install a new anchoring system for the Dawson City dock. The project will create 390 hours of employment for nine people. Contact: Norm Carlson at 867-993-7400

**Food Bank Society of Whitehorse** received \$126,000 to help establish a full-service, non-denominational food bank in Whitehorse. The project will create 2,000 hours of employment for one person. Contact: Shirley Adamson at 867-668-6629, extension 222

**Klondyke Centennial Society** received \$149,558 to develop interpretive exhibits and walking trails on the original site where gold was discovered on Bonanza Creek in 1896 - the event that triggered the Klondike Gold Rush. The Discovery Claim Heritage Trail project will create 1,421 hours of employment for five people. Contact: Jon Magnusson at 867-993-5649

**Softball Yukon** received \$107,620 to complete repairs and upgrades to the softball parks known as Robert Service 3/4/5 and the minor softball parks on Range Road. Contact: George Arcand at 867-667-4487

**Teslin Tlingit Council** received \$95,930 to develop an integrated approach to linking personal growth and the development of career planning, training, and job development through the use of Excellence Seminars. The project will create 400 hours of employment for 12 people. Contact: Brenda Oziewicz at 867-390-2532 (ext. 484)

**Town of Watson Lake** received \$223,584 to replace the existing projection system at the Northern Lights Space and Science Centre. Contact: Terry Colebrooke at 867-536-8001

**Village of Teslin** received \$90,000 to construct an exercise room in the mezzanine of the Teslin Recreation Complex. The project will create 750 hours of employment for five people. Contact: Nataschaa Chatterton at 867-390-2530

**Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club** received \$111,148 to host the 2010 Canadian National Cross Country Ski Championships. The project will create 696 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Joan Stanton at 867-668-4477