



# Community Development Fund

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## Minister's message

Local, grassroots projects are vital to building healthy, vibrant and sustainable communities. Since the current Community Development Fund program began in 2003 it has provided funding to a variety of projects that have addressed evolving community needs. The results have been revitalization of infrastructure, programs that support children and families, and projects that help organizations grow to meet changing markets.

Every initiative supported by the Community Development Fund in the last year was driven by a number of passionate, energetic and dedicated Yukoners. These change agents are strengthening our community and growing our economy.

In the most recent year of funding, every Yukon community benefitted from the support of the Community Development Fund. Across the territory Yukoners will see positive change in their communities because of these initiatives. In Dawson City, the new concession building at Minto Park provides a venue to host community events, celebrations and athletic activities in a safe and healthy environment. In Whitehorse, Yukoners and tourists gathered to see traditional First Nation and non-First Nation watercraft being built and witness the launch of the crafts on the Yukon River as part of the Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association's Dań Kwanje 'Á-Nààn (Voices Across the Water) project. These are just two of the projects which made a difference to strengthening Yukoners' ties to their culture and communities, while providing economic benefits.

I am proud of the Yukoners using the fund to build relationships within our communities and grow the economy in different ways. It is my pleasure to share with you the outcomes of the 2017-2018 Community Development Fund in this report. I'm sure you will be as impressed with the efforts of your neighbours, friends and family members as I am.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ranj Pillai". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ranj Pillai  
Minister of Economic Development  
Government of Yukon

# General program information

The primary goal of the Community Development Fund is to support projects and events that provide long-term, sustainable economic and social benefits to Yukon communities. The funding program is also designed to create opportunities for community participation.

## Eligibility

Eligible applicants must be registered with the Yukon Societies Act or the federal Boards of Trade Act and are described as one of the following:

- » Community association;
- » Charitable organization;
- » Registered industry, professional, and/or business association;
- » Registered not-for-profit society;
- » Local governing body;
- » Municipal government; or
- » First Nation government.

## Assessment

All applications are assessed based on the merits of the project and a recommendation is made at each level of the review process.

The Community Development Fund advisors provide assistance to clients in the development of sound applications, ideas and community initiatives. Program staff continue to encourage clients to make early contact to assess whether their projects fit the program's criteria.

## Funding levels and intakes

The Community Development Fund is divided into three tiers:

- Tier I:** Applications of \$20,000 or less.
- Tier II:** Applications of \$20,001 to \$75,000.
- Tier III:** Applications of \$75,001 or more.

There are five different intake deadlines throughout the fiscal year:

- Tier I:** Application deadlines are in January, May, July and October.
- Tier II:** Application deadlines are in May and September.
- Tier III:** Application deadline is in January.

**Note:** The Community Development Fund guidelines have been updated for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to make the program more responsive to the needs of Yukoners and improve the overall delivery of the fund. For more information, visit [Yukon.ca](http://Yukon.ca).



Photo courtesy of Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association/Teresa Earle

## Community Development Fund testimonials

The following five stories depict some of the community projects that were supported by the Community Development Fund during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

### Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association: Dań Kwanje 'Á-Nààn (Voices Across the Water)

Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association presented an extraordinary collaborative project that involved the construction, showcase, journey and celebration of traditional modes of aquatic travel used amongst Indigenous people and early explorers. Dań Kwanje 'Á-Nààn, which means “voices across the water” in Southern Tutchone, was conceived to celebrate aquatic transportation used by Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples 150 years ago and to inform Canadians of the role traditional watercraft played in the formation of Canada.

Between May 15 – July 6, 2017, the project brought together Elder advisors, youth, Indigenous master boat builders and apprentices from across the North to construct four watercraft vessels traditional to Yukon including a birch bark canoe, a spruce dugout, a moose skin boat, and a seal skin qayaq (kayak) that would then be toured to six Yukon communities.

On July 6, 2017, these traditional boats embarked on a community tour to Dawson City, Haines Junction, Pelly Crossing, Carmacks and Teslin. The community tour ensured that Yukon communities had the opportunity to embrace, revive and share cultural ceremonies specific to the importance of these vessels.

Dań Kwanje 'Á-Nààn: Voices Across the Water helped foster a greater understanding and appreciation for Indigenous culture and traditions by showcasing the historical and cultural importance of traditional watercraft. The boats have been permanently installed in Yukon museums and cultural centres across the territory as a legacy to this project.



## Teslin Tlingit Council: District biomass-heating utility

Teslin Tlingit Council is working towards reducing the community's dependency on imported fossil fuels by purchasing and installing a district heating system using biomass woodchip boilers.

The biomass project converted the existing heating systems in 10 Teslin Tlingit Council-owned buildings. Ten woodchip boilers are now providing heat to 13 buildings including three new energy centres. Two large chip storage facilities were also constructed. In addition, Teslin Tlingit Council hosted a nine-day Biomass Training program with 22 people attending from four Yukon communities.

Teslin Tlingit Council continues to diversify its investments and pursue creative and beneficial ways to improve the lives of its citizens. Biomass technology presents economic opportunities for Teslin Tlingit Council and its citizens.

Teslin Tlingit Council's community-focused Biomass Project is a model for how to fully implement a renewable energy project in a community, while maximizing community benefits at all stages. The community benefits of this innovative project include job creation, economic development, skill development, community infrastructure improvement, community recognition and pride of place.

Photo courtesy of  
Government of Yukon



Photo courtesy of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations

## Champagne and Aishihik First Nations: Da Kų Cultural Centre expansion (daycare centre)

The Da Kų Cultural Centre in Haines Junction is an innovative cultural facility celebrating the culture and traditions of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Dän (people). The centre is a teaching, curatorial and interpretive facility which provides programming to Champagne and Aishihik First Nations citizens and the general public.

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations have long recognized the need for a new daycare and the long-standing desire of citizens to develop a 'Language Hub'. In 2017, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations expanded the Da Kų Cultural Centre to include a new daycare facility.

As the Da Kų Cultural Centre is the focal point of cultural, educational and traditional activities in their community, the daycare was a natural 'fit' for the children of Haines Junction to grow and develop while having access to Elders and community. The expansion will assist in providing for the promotion of Southern Tutchone language revitalization.

The completion and opening of the language hub is an important step in Champagne and Aishihik First Nations' continued work to revitalize and practice dän k'e (our ways) and dąkwänje (our language).

This project had a positive impact on the community of Haines Junction by developing a new daycare facility with increased capacity that is safe, bright, welcoming and aesthetically pleasing. The project created new opportunities for culturally relevant programming, created additional employment opportunities for Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and Haines Junction citizens and fostered community pride in the Village of Haines Junction.



Photo courtesy  
of North Ridge  
Community Association

## North Ridge Community Association: Preparation and implementation of RCMP Musical Ride

The North Ridge Community Association was formed in 2011 to promote and support equestrian activities and provide year-round indoor riding facilities.

In the fall of 2016, North Ridge Community Association spearheaded the Musical Ride Host Committee. At the request of the local host committee, the RCMP Musical Ride agreed to include Whitehorse as its only territorial performance location as part of their “Canada 150” tour and celebration.

The RCMP Musical Ride consists of 32 Hanoverian horses and riders plus a member in charge. It executes a variety of cavalry drills choreographed to music. The Ride tours throughout Canada and internationally between May and October, performing at approximately 40 venues each year. Since 1996, this was only the second RCMP Musical Ride to be featured in Whitehorse.

The RCMP Musical Ride is an iconic Canadian event and was one of Yukon’s premier celebrations for Canada’s 150th birthday.

More than 4,500 community members and visitors attended the three RCMP Musical Ride performances in Whitehorse on August 12th and 13th, 2017, at the Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club stadium.



Photo courtesy of City of Dawson

## City of Dawson: Minto Park concession building

Minto Park is Yukon's first formal park and is a landmark within the Dawson community. It has been designated as a municipal historic site for its social, recreational, historic and aesthetic values. Minto Park is embedded in Dawson's heritage and continues to play an important role within the community.

The park has a long standing role as a location for community events, celebrations and athletic activities. The park hosts three large events each year: the Dawson City Music Festival and two ball tournaments, attracting hundreds of visitors to the community.

In September 2015, the concession building at Minto Park was destroyed by fire. The loss of the facility, even though old and in need of repair, was felt by the whole community. Driven by the results of a public consultation, concept option drawings for a new concession building were completed in February 2016.

With support from the Community Development Fund, a new facility, designed with flexibility in mind, has been constructed for year-round use. It includes public washrooms, a kitchen, program area and covered deck.

Community events are an integral part of what makes Dawson such a unique place to live and the new concession building at Minto Park provides Dawson a venue to host their programs in a safe and healthy environment.

# Funding statistics

The following section provides a detailed breakdown of how the Community Development Fund money was spent over the 2017–2018 fiscal year.

For the period April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018, the Community Development Fund program received 117 applications. As outlined in Figure 1 below, 16 applications were withdrawn which left 101 to be processed. Of these 101 applications, 85 were approved and 16 were rejected. This represents an average approval rate of 84 per cent.

Figure 1: Number of applications received compared to applications approved

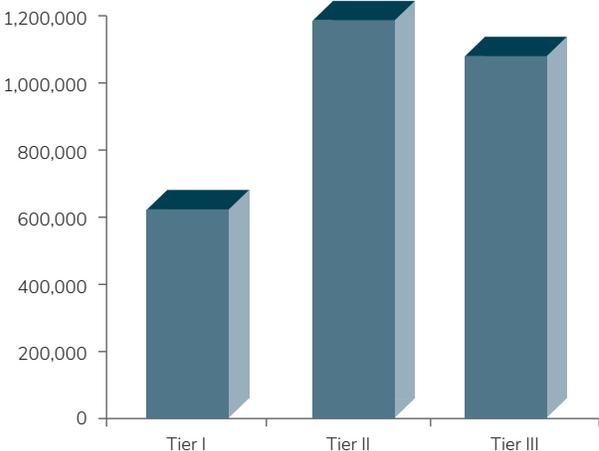
Community Development Fund 2017-18 Fiscal Year Data	Number of Applications Received			Number of Applications Approved			Rejections	% Funded
	Total Received	Withdrawn	Total Processed	Fully Funded	Partially Funded	Total Funded		Approval Rate
Tier I	61	7	54	46	3	49	5	91%
Tier II	41	7	34	27	1	28	6	82%
Tier III	15	2	13	4	4	8	5	62%
<b>Total (all tiers)</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>84%</b>

## Distribution of dollars by tier

The Community Development Fund approved \$2,881,180 for projects in the fiscal year April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. Some of these projects are multi-year initiatives. The largest portion of this funding went to Tier II projects followed by Tier III and Tier I.

- Tier I:** 49 approved projects = \$620,652
- Tier II:** 28 approved projects = \$1,183,663
- Tier III:** 8 approved projects = \$1,076,865
- Total (all tiers):** \$2,881,180

Figure 2: Approvals by tier



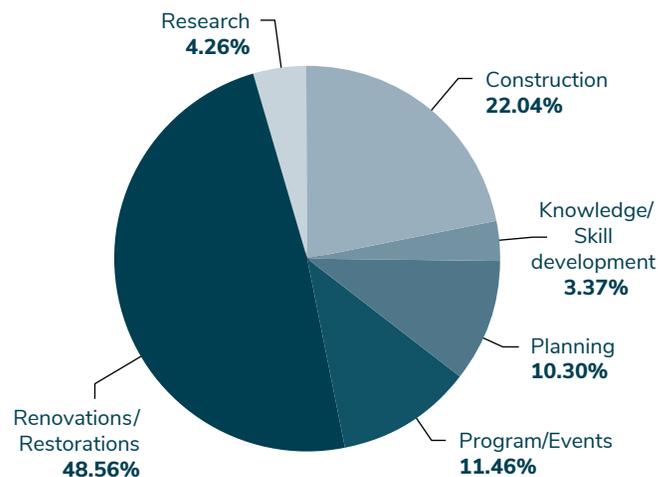
## Distribution of dollars by project category

All projects are assigned to specific categories. The information below reflects the number of projects approved in each category for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, and the distributional breakdown of dollars.

Figure 3: Dollars approved by category

Category	No. of Projects	Amount Approved
Construction	8	\$635,133
Knowledge/Skill development	4	\$97,117
Planning	19	\$296,705
Program/Events	14	\$330,203
Renovations/Restorations	36	\$1,399,178
Research	4	\$122,844
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>\$2,881,180</b>

Figure 4: Percentage of funding approved by category

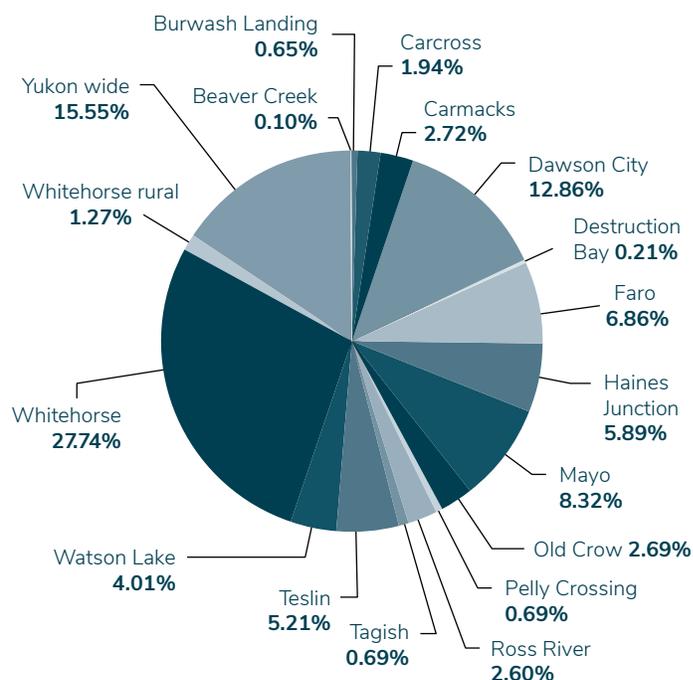


## Distribution of dollars by community

For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the communities receiving the most dollars were Whitehorse at over 27 per cent, Dawson City at over 12 per cent and Mayo at over 8 per cent. When comparing, Whitehorse received 27 per cent and rural Yukon received 73 per cent of funding.

Community	Total amount for all tiers
Beaver Creek	\$2,951
Burwash Landing	\$18,750
Carcross	\$56,000
Carmacks	\$78,468
Dawson City	\$370,427
Destruction Bay	\$5,988
Faro	\$197,516
Haines Junction	\$169,760
Mayo	\$239,815
Old Crow	\$77,400
Pelly Crossing	\$19,999
Ross River	\$74,991
Tagish	\$20,000
Teslin	\$150,000
Watson Lake	\$115,450
Whitehorse	\$799,118
Whitehorse rural	\$36,666
Yukon wide	\$447,881
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,881,180</b>

Figure 5: Percentage of funding approved by community



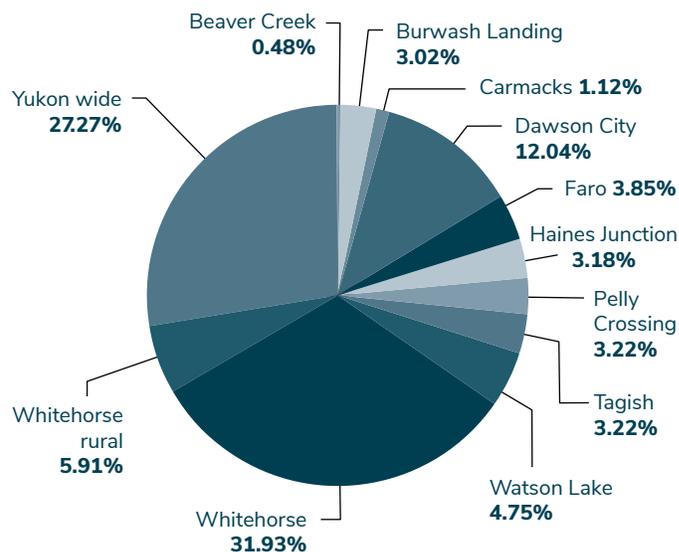
## Distribution of dollars by community per tier

### Tier I dollars approved by community (funding requests up to \$20,000)

In Tier I, the communities receiving the most dollars were Whitehorse at 32 per cent, followed by Dawson City at over 12 per cent, and Watson Lake at nearly 5 per cent.

Community	Amount
Beaver Creek	\$2,951
Burwash	\$18,750
Carmacks	\$6,968
Dawson City	\$74,753
Faro	\$23,913
Haines Junction	\$19,760
Pelly Crossing	\$19,999
Tagish	\$20,000
Watson Lake	\$29,450
Whitehorse	\$198,168
Whitehorse rural	\$36,666
Yukon wide	\$169,274
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$620,652</b>

Figure 6: Tier I dollars approved by community in percentages

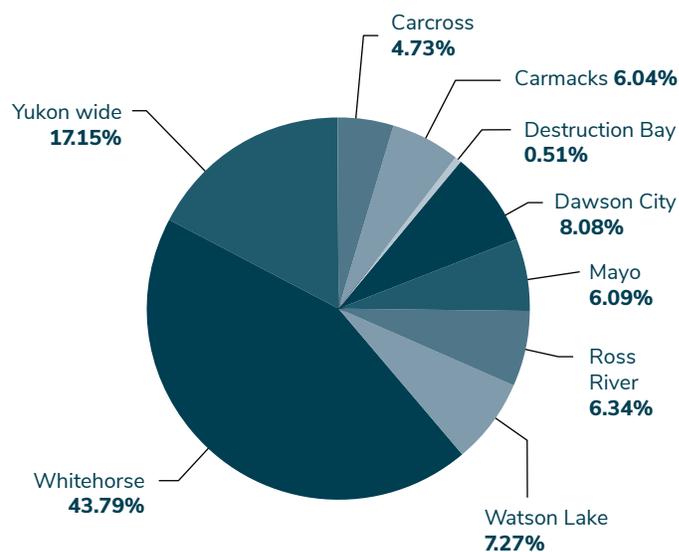


### Tier II dollars approved by community (funding requests from \$20,001 to \$75,000)

In Tier II, the highest percentage of funding went to Whitehorse at 44 per cent followed by Dawson City which received 8 per cent, Watson Lake which received just over 7 per cent and Ross River receiving just over 6 per cent.

Community	Amount
Carcross	\$56,000
Carmacks	\$71,500
Destruction Bay	\$5,988
Dawson City	\$95,674
Mayo	\$72,109
Ross River	\$74,991
Watson Lake	\$86,000
Whitehorse	\$518,369
Yukon wide	\$203,032
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,183,663</b>

Figure 7: Tier II dollars approved by community in percentages



**Tier III dollars approved by community  
(funding requests over \$75,000)**

In Tier III, 18 per cent of the funding was awarded to Dawson City, with Faro receiving 16 per cent, and Mayo receiving just over 15 per cent.

<b>Community</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Dawson City	\$200,000
Faro	\$173,603
Haines Junction	\$150,000
Mayo	\$167,706
Old Crow	\$77,400
Teslin	\$150,000
Whitehorse	\$82,581
Yukon wide	\$75,575
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,076,865</b>

Figure 8: Tier III dollars approved by community in percentages

