



# Community Development Fund

## Annual Report



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## Message from Minister Pillai

Growing and thriving as a community is part of what makes the Yukon such a special place to live. The Community Development Fund has proven to be a resourceful tool for Yukoners who are enriching the lives of their communities with innovative and sustainable initiatives. By providing helpful resources, the fund has allowed many Yukoners the opportunity to bring their ideas to life, contributing to the overall well-being of their neighbours.

This report demonstrates all of the inspiring work that the Community Development Fund has assisted Yukoners in achieving. Amazing projects have been accomplished in the Yukon and this includes the subdivision playground and greenspace that the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation was able to purchase and install; providing a safe and functional space for the children to play in. The fund assisted the Yukon Reads Society to expand the reach of the Yukon Imagination Library, allowing them to spark the love of reading in more children across the territory. Funding was provided to the Klondike Active Transport and Trails Society in Dawson for the improvements needed on their much-travelled trail systems for residents and tourists to enjoy. Inspire (fem)Power Society also received funding to continue their work inspiring Yukon women to be kinder and gentler with themselves through events and educational programs.

These projects are only made possible by Yukoners who continue to better the lives of the people in their communities with hard work, creative thinking and innovation. My hope is that the fund continues to provide services to the communities of our territory, paving new roads to beneficial and accessible opportunities for all Yukoners.

Ranj Pillai  
Minister of Economic Development  
Government of Yukon



# General program information

The Community Development Fund supports projects, events and initiatives that provide long-term, sustainable economic and social benefits to Yukon communities by funding projects that:

- » generate local spending;
- » create employment opportunities;
- » build needed infrastructure;
- » bring new money into the Yukon;
- » develop skills, knowledge and experience;
- » facilitate community involvement; and
- » build partnerships.

## Eligibility

Eligible applicants are Yukon-based and include:

- » registered non-profit societies;
- » not-for-profit corporations incorporated under the *Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act*;
- » charitable organizations;
- » municipal and First Nations governments; and
- » First Nations development corporations engaging in community-level initiatives.

## Funding levels and intakes

The Community Development Fund is divided into three tiers:

- » Tier 1: Applications of \$20,000 or less;
- » Tier 2: Applications of \$20,001 to \$75,000; and
- » Tier 3: Applications of \$75,001 or more.

There are six different intake deadlines throughout the fiscal year:

- » Tier 1: Application deadlines are in January, May, July and October;
- » Tier 2: Application deadlines are in April and September; and
- » Tier 3: Application deadline is in January.



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## Community Development Fund testimonials

The following four stories depict some of the projects that the Community Development Fund supported during the 2021–2022 fiscal year.

## Pine Ridge Neighbourhood Association: Rink improvement

The Pine Ridge Neighbourhood Association rink consisted of a roughly levelled, gravel surface with 6x6 beams around the perimeter that served the community for years. Due to the uneven surface, many parts of the rink were unusable.

The Pine Ridge Neighbourhood Association received \$87,034 through the Community Development Fund to renovate, pave and install lights at the neighbourhood community rink. These improvements will provide an opportunity for a variety of year-round recreational activities. The new even surface will improve ice installation in the winter and encourage additional sports activities such as volleyball, basketball and street hockey in the summer months. The summer activities will be made possible by post holes incorporated into the surface of the rink so that volleyball or basketball nets can be used.

Additionally, the new rink will provide a safe outdoor gathering space for community events both in winter and summer.



Photo provided by organization



“ We have many families with young children in our neighbourhood, and the updates to our community rink have made it possible for people to enjoy the space year-round. We’ve hosted three community barbeques at the rink and we look forward to being able to make further developments, including the addition of a storage shelter for nets in the off-seasons and a stove for warming up in colder temperatures.

The feedback from the neighbourhood has been nothing but positive and we are very thankful for the funding that CDF has provided our community. ”

- Sue Johnson, Pine Ridge Neighbourhood Association





## Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club: Trail grooming equipment

The Whitehorse cross country ski trails are an integral part of the community's healthy, vibrant lifestyle. In recent years, the membership at the Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club (WCCSC) has steadily increased – the club saw over 700 new members within a year.

With support from the Community Development Fund, the WCCSC received \$190,496 to purchase a new PistenBully 100 3.1 M Tier IV snow groomer. The PistenBully is the Ski Club's most important piece of trail grooming equipment. Their latest PistenBully was purchased in 2013. Due to the surge in membership, the number of logged hours on the PistenBully has significantly increased. In order to maintain the trails, WCCSC required another machine and additional grooming equipment.

“Our organization is very grateful for CDF's generous contribution to our new trail grooming equipment. It has helped us meet the needs of our rapidly growing membership of 2200 members and hundreds of day pass skiers. With two groomers now available, we can groom more efficiently and we have a back-up in case of a breakdown. CDF is helping Yukoners stay mentally and physically healthy while making the most of our fabulous winters.”

Outdoor activities are a vital part of the lives of Yukoners and an essential part of what makes the Yukon attractive to so many. Trail upgrades enabled by the new PistenBully will allow WCCSC to continue to host national level ski events that generate significant economic benefits to the community, develop national and international athletes and maintain Whitehorse as a world-class destination for outdoor sports and recreation.

- Jean-Paul Molgat, Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club President



## Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation: Subdivision playground and family greenspace

With support from the Community Development Fund, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (TH) received \$200,000 to purchase and install playground equipment, as well as landscaping services for a family greenspace.

Prior to funding, the TH subdivision did not have a functional outdoor recreation space for children to play. Additionally, many elders expressed the desire to have an easily accessible greenspace and playground, as they were unable to commute downtown to visit these amenities.

This playground will foster physical activities in a fun environment and enhance a sense of community and friendship among children. Furthermore, the new greenspace will provide a venue for increased community involvement and outdoor gatherings.

By creating a multigenerational culturally-inclusive outdoor recreation facility, doors will open for youth and families to come together in a safe, healthy environment within the TH subdivision.

## Ross River Sportsmen's Association: Gun range improvements

The Ross River Sportsmen's Association received \$36,975 through the Community Development Fund to bring the gun range back up to code in order to be a fully functional rifle range.

The construction of the primary and secondary backstops in addition to brush clearing will utilize the existing organic materials to construct the required berms.

This gun range is a valued recreational area and asset to the Ross River community. With support from the Community Development Fund, the range will continue to provide a certified safe and secure location for members of the public to use firearms. This community asset can then be used by local organizations such as Rangers, RCMP, Conservation Officers, Forestry personnel and club members to keep up their training, recertify annually and provide additional shooting practice as needed.



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# Community Development Fund approvals 2021–2022

Community	Organization	Project title	Amount approved
<b>Carcross</b>	Carcross Rod and Gun Club	Clubhouse renovations	\$11,500
<b>Carmacks</b>	Village of Carmacks	Carmacks community park summer series	\$14,377
	Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation	Cultural centre planning and design	\$74,362
	Village of Carmacks	Nordenskiold Cemetery expansion	\$183,095
<b>Dawson</b>	Saint Mary's Church	ASHRAE level 2 energy audit of church	\$17,435
	Humane Society Dawson	Animal shelter plumbing, electrical repairs and upgrades	\$15,200
	Dawson Society for Children and Families	Big Blue – step one	\$13,500
	Dawson City Firefighters Association	Museum annex building floor project	\$44,676
	Klondike Active Transport and Trails Society	Trail improvements	\$22,550
	Klondike Visitors Association	Theatrical stage light upgrades	\$72,474
	Association of Yukon Paragliders and Hang Gliders	Get high the natural way	\$56,577
<b>Keno</b>	Keno Community Club	Keno trails revitalization project	\$12,501

Community	Organization	Project title	Amount approved
<b>Mayo</b>	Stewart Valley Community Market Society	Storage trailer and equipment purchase	\$13,961
<b>Ross River</b>	Ross River Sportsmen's Association	Gun range improvements	\$36,975
<b>Teslin</b>	Village of Teslin	Teslin municipal boundary expansion	\$60,251
	Village of Teslin	Trail system construction	\$108,940
<b>Watson Lake</b>	Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce	Website and business directory	\$16,070
	Town of Watson Lake	Elevator replacement	\$66,125
	Watson Lake Ski Club	Jump and terrain park	\$143,090
<b>Whitehorse</b>	Polarettes and Polar Tumblers Gymnastics Club	Polarettes gymnastics 2021–26 strategic plan	\$14,350
	The Heart of Riverdale Community Centre	The Heart strategic planning 2021	\$18,450
	Inclusion Yukon Society	Support for self-employment initiatives	\$20,000
	Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous	Indoor WATL axe throw facility	\$16,313
	Sacred Heart Parish	Lower roof insulation upgrade	\$11,049
	Mountain View Golf Club	2021–2026 strategic plan	\$20,000
	Downtown Urban Gardeners' Society	2022 bed replacement project	\$14,030

Community	Organization	Project title	Amount approved
Whitehorse	Golden Age Society	Security and office needs	\$7,514
	Blackwell Park Foundation	Lit hockey rink, bench and library	\$10,557
	Inspire (fem)Power Society	Inspiring Yukon women to be kinder and gentle with themselves	\$4,860
	Société d'histoire francophone du Yukon	2022–2027 five year strategic plan	\$5,890
	Granger Community Association	Granger park basketball nets	\$6,644
	Friends of Mount Sima Society	Solar panels and charging stations	\$55,378
	Tennis Yukon	Mt. McIntyre court resurfacing	\$37,100
	Yukon Helpers Network	Helping the helpers	\$43,255
	Yukon Historical and Museums Association	LePage Park upgrades	\$33,066
	Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre	Building assessment	\$15,867
	Biathlon Yukon	Range expansion	\$74,327
	Association franco-yukonnaise	Archive issues of L'Aurore boreale – phase 2	\$27,929
	Yukon Fish and Game Association	Thinhorn Sheep Summit III	\$49,014
	Climb Yukon Association	Market analysis, business and operational plan	\$48,900
	Raven Recycling Society	Green Up Raven!	\$296,061
	Pine Ridge Neighbourhood Association	Pine Ridge rink improvement	\$87,034

Community	Organization	Project title	Amount approved
<b>Whitehorse</b>	Yukon Breeze Sailing Society	Expansion project	\$59,918
	Challenge Disability Resource Group	Renaming and rebranding rollout strategy	\$65,750
	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation	Subdivision playground and family greenspace	\$200,000
	Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club	Trail grooming equipment	\$190,496
	Wolf Creek Community Association	Wolf Creek bike park	\$29,096
<b>Whitehorse Rural</b>	Lorne Mountain Community Association	Wilderness golf course repairs and upgrades	\$101,240
	Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society	PRP processing equipment	\$9,591
	Mendenhall Community Association	Mendenhall playground regeneration	\$19,242
<b>Yukon-wide</b>	Hidden Histories Society Yukon	Hidden Histories display project	\$15,420
	Yukon Reads Society	Expand the reach of the Yukon Imagination Library	\$20,000
	Safe at Home Society	Planning and training	\$35,055
	Whitehorse Aboriginal Women's Circle	YANSI oral history and research	\$75,000
	Council of Yukon First Nations	Bringing Yukon First Nation language to life through story	\$264,853
	Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre	2021 consent crew	\$30,083
	Yukon Licensed Practical Nursing Association	Website development	\$2,790
	Sport Yukon	Klondike Road Relay strategic and safety planning	\$14,400

# Funding statistics

The following section provides a detailed breakdown of how the CDF money was spent over the 2021–2022 fiscal year.

## Number of applications received compared to applications approved

For the period April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022, the Community Development Fund program received 93 applications. As outlined in the chart below, 10 applications were withdrawn which left 83 to be processed. Of these 83 applications, 59 were approved and 24 were denied. This represents an average approval rate of 71 per cent.

Figure 1: Application approval rates by tier

Tier	Number of applications received			Number of applications approved			Per cent funded
	Total received	Withdrawn	Total processed	Fully funded	Partially funded	Total funded	Approval rate
Tier 1	45	6	39	22	6	28	72%
Tier 2	33	3	30	22	0	22	73%
Tier 3	15	1	14	7	2	9	64%
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>71%</b>

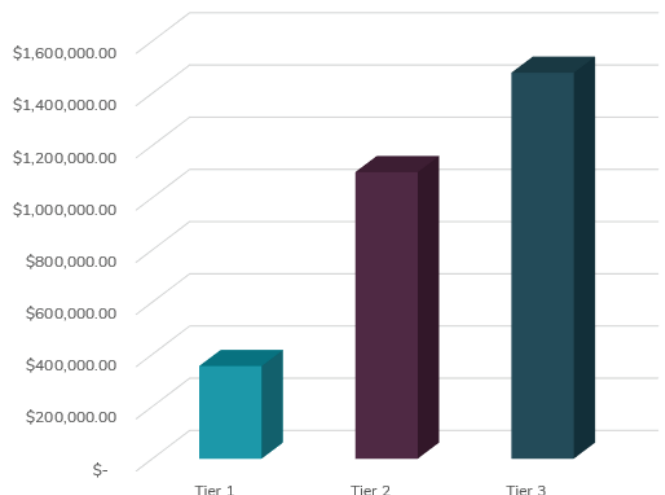
## Distribution of dollars by tier

The Community Development Fund approved \$2,931,497 for projects in the fiscal year April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. Some of these projects are multi-year initiatives. The largest portion of this funding went to Tier 3 projects followed by Tier 2 and Tier 1.

Figure 2: Distribution of dollars per tier

Approvals by tier	Number of approved projects	Amount approved
Tier 1	28	\$354,888
Tier 2	22	\$1,097,861
Tier 3	9	\$1,478,748
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>\$2,931,497</b>

Figure 3: Amount approved by tier



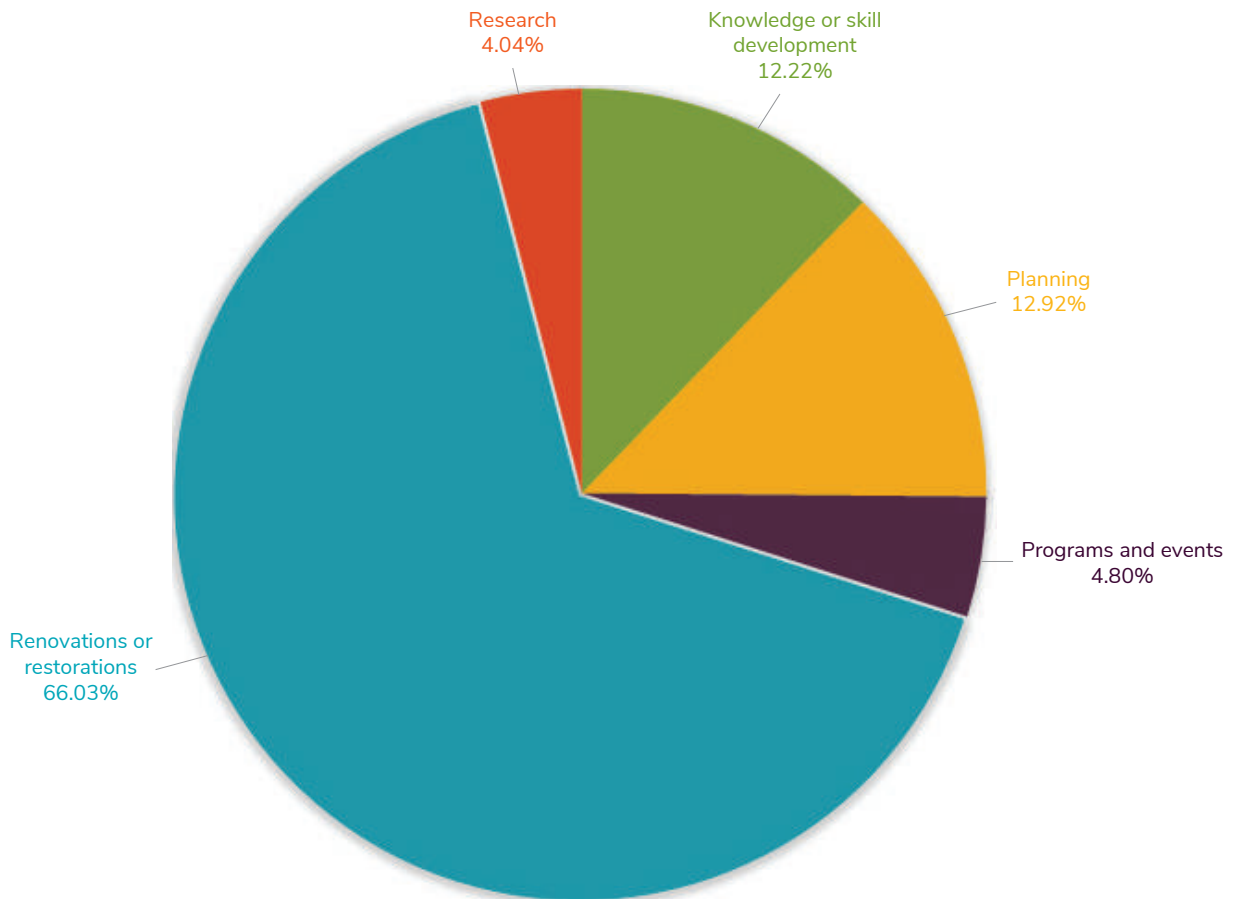
## Distribution of dollars by project category

All projects are assigned to specific categories. The information below reflects the number of projects approved in each category for the 2021–2022 fiscal year, and the distributional breakdown of dollars.

Figure 4: Distribution of dollars by project category

Category	Number of projects	Amount approved	Percentage of funding approved by category
Knowledge or skill development	4	\$358,191	12.22%
Planning	12	\$378,675	12.92%
Programs and events	5	\$140,661	4.80%
Renovations or restorations	35	\$1,935,621	66.03%
Research	3	\$118,349	4.04%
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>\$2,931,497</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 5: Dollars approved by category



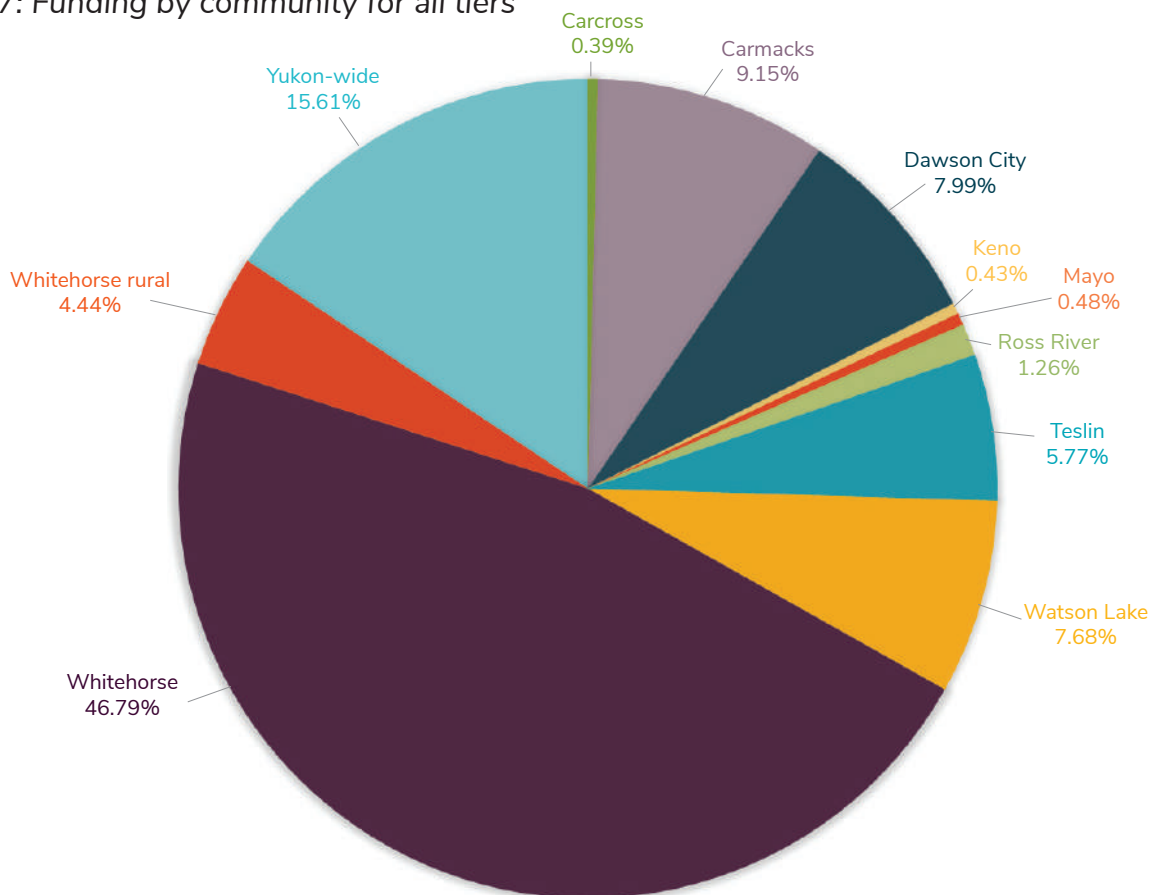
## Distribution of dollars by community

For the 2021–2022 fiscal year, the communities receiving the most dollars were Whitehorse at just under 47 per cent, Yukon-wide at over 15 per cent and Carmacks at over 9 per cent. By comparison, Whitehorse received 47 per cent of funding and rural Yukon received 53 per cent.

Figure 6: Distribution of dollars by community

Community	Total amount for all tiers
Carcross	\$11,500
Carmacks	\$268,327
Dawson City	\$234,312
Keno	\$12,501
Mayo	\$13,961
Ross River	\$36,975
Teslin	\$169,191
Watson Lake	\$225,285
Whitehorse	\$1,371,771
Whitehorse rural	\$130,073
Yukon-wide	\$457,601
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,931,497</b>

Figure 7: Funding by community for all tiers





## Distribution of dollars by community per tier

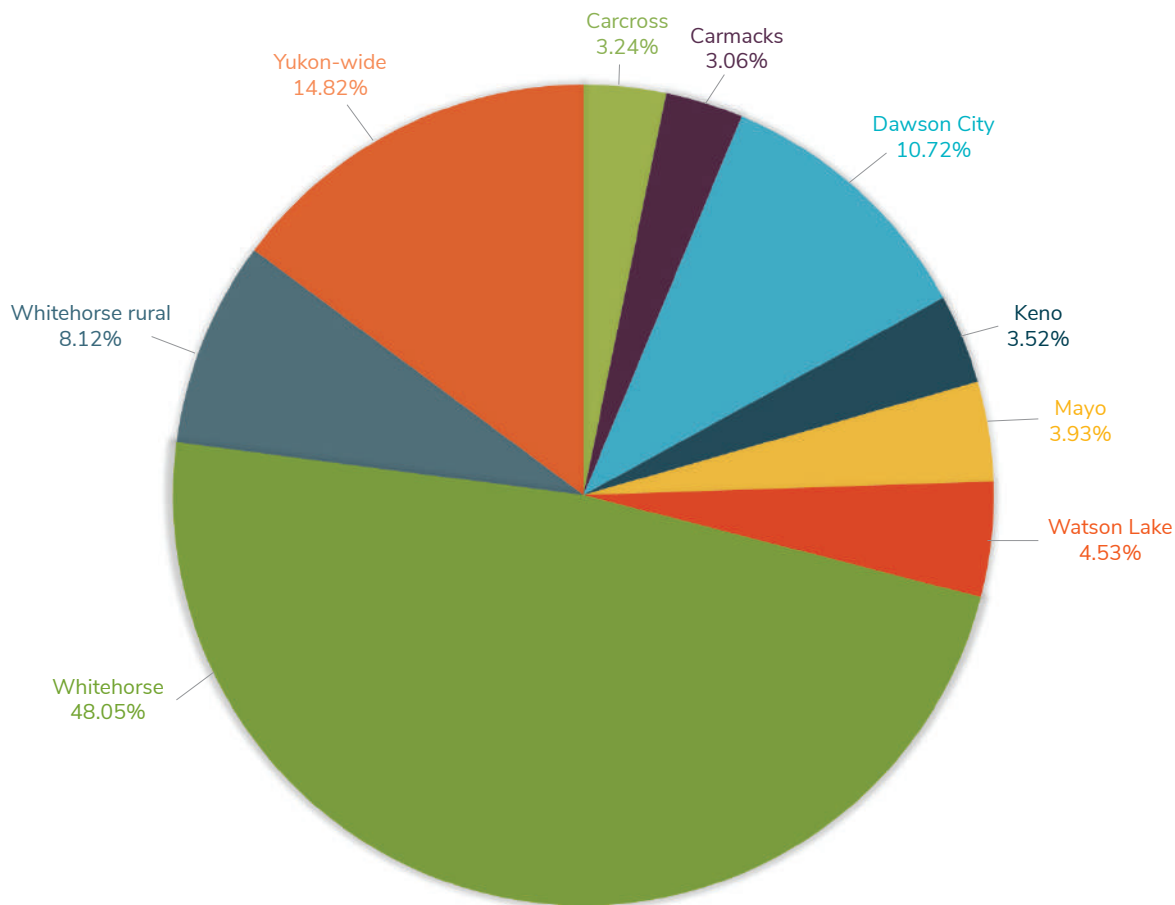
### Tier 1 dollars approved by community (funding requests up to \$20,000)

In Tier 1, the communities receiving the most dollars were Whitehorse at over 48 per cent, followed by Yukon-wide at just under 15 per cent and Dawson City at nearly 11 per cent.

Figure 8: Distribution of dollars by community for Tier 1

Community	Approved funding
Carcross	\$11,500
Carmacks	\$10,870
Dawson City	\$38,035
Keno	\$12,501
Mayo	\$13,961
Watson Lake	\$16,070
Whitehorse	\$170,508
Whitehorse rural	\$28,833
Yukon-wide	\$52,610
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$354,888</b>

Figure 9: Funding by community for Tier 1 projects



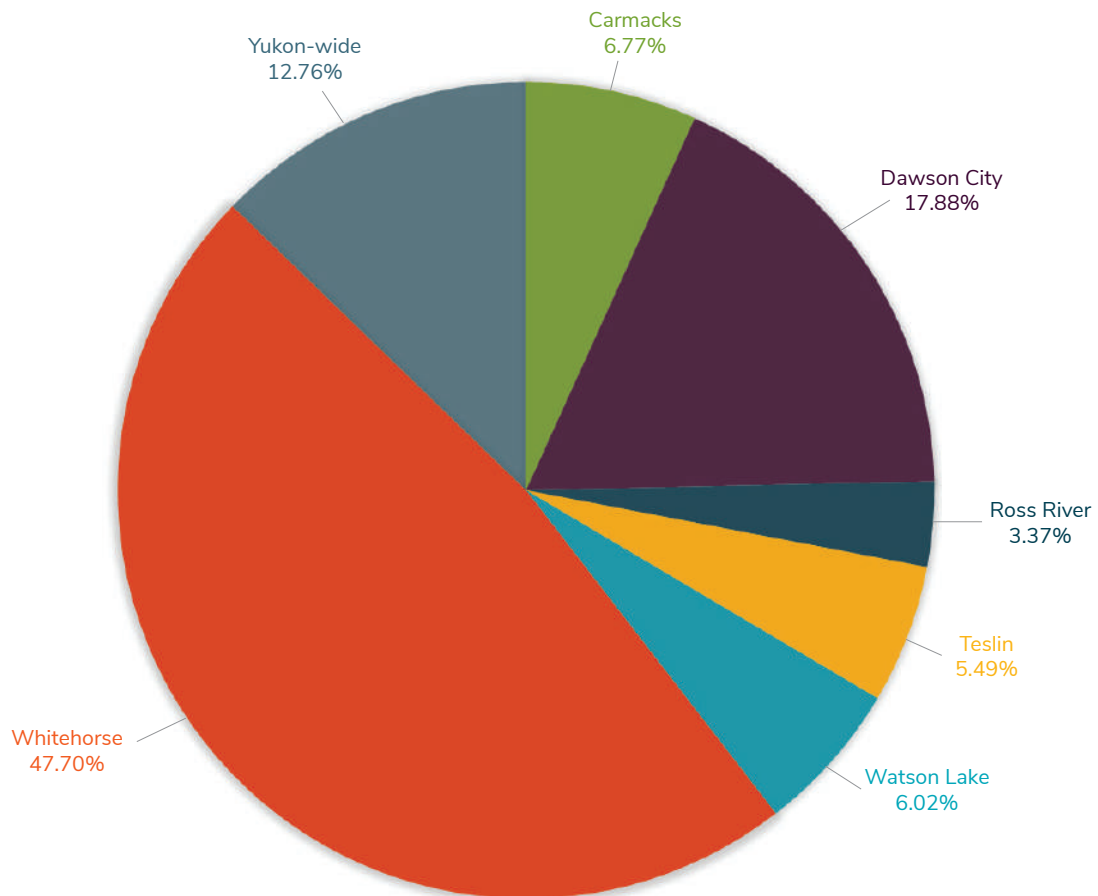
## Tier 2 dollars approved by community (funding requests from \$20,001 to \$75,000)

In Tier 2, the highest percentage of funding went to Whitehorse at over 47 per cent followed by Dawson City which received nearly 18 per cent and Yukon-wide receiving over 12 per cent.

Figure 10: Distribution of dollars by community for Tier 2

Community	Approved funding
Carmacks	\$74,362
Dawson City	\$196,277
Ross River	\$36,975
Teslin	\$60,251
Watson Lake	\$66,125
Whitehorse	\$523,733
Yukon-wide	\$140,138
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,097,861</b>

Figure 11: Funding by community for Tier 2 projects



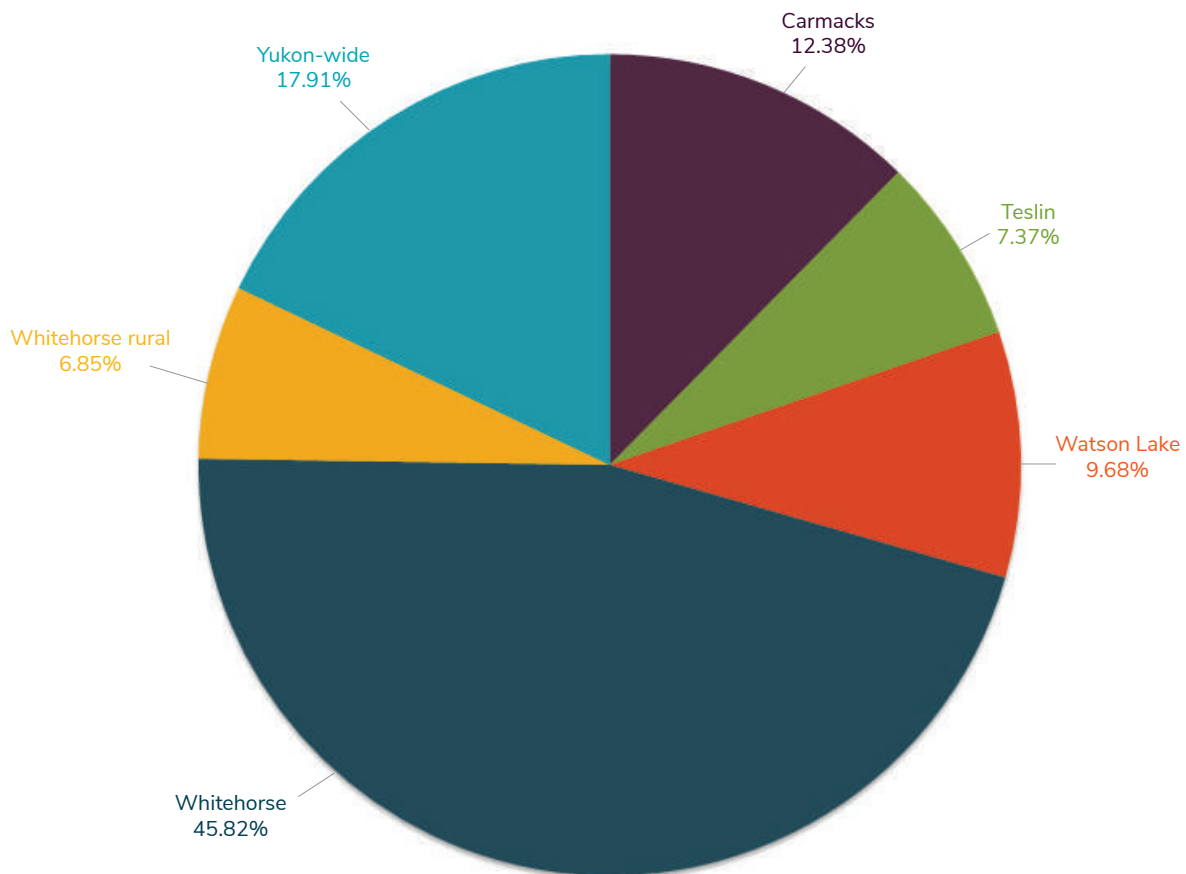
### Tier 3 dollars approved by community (funding requests over \$75,000)

In Tier 3, just under 46 per cent of the funding was awarded to Whitehorse, with Yukon-wide receiving almost 17 per cent and Carmacks receiving over 12%.

Figure 12: Distribution of dollars by community for Tier 3

Community	Approved funding
Carmacks	\$183,095
Teslin	\$108,940
Watson Lake	\$143,090
Whitehorse	\$677,530
Whitehorse rural	\$101,240
Yukon-wide	\$264,853
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,478,748</b>

Figure 13: Funding by community for Tier 3 projects





  
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