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Minister's message

Local projects are vital to building healthy, vibrant and sustainable communities.

As Minister of Economic Development, I recognize the important contributions that these community-driven initiatives make towards Yukon's economic growth and prosperity. The Community Development Fund supports local organizations through projects and solutions that provide long-term economic and social benefits.

This report demonstrates the meaningful impact that Community Development Fund projects have on their respective communities. The Watson Lake community garden, for example, now provides community members a space to develop gardening skills and resources to grow their own healthy food. Another meaningful project during this period is the Steve Cardiff Tiny House Community Project, housing people who have experienced chronic or episodic homelessness.

Every initiative supported by the Community Development Fund has been driven by passionate and dedicated Yukoners. I am pleased to see their efforts improving the lives of those around them, now and into the future. My hope is that the many success stories in this report will inspire future projects to overcome challenges and create new opportunities across the territory.

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 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 Nation development corporations engaging in community-level initiatives.

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 six different intake deadlines throughout the fiscal year:

Tier I: Application deadlines are in January, May, July and October.

Tier II: Application deadlines are in April and September.

Tier III: Application deadline is in January.



Photo courtesy of Government of Yukon

Community Development Fund testimonials

The following three stories depict some of the community projects that were supported by the Community Development Fund during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Blood Ties Four Directions Centre Society: Steve Cardiff Tiny House Community Project

In October 2017, Blood Ties Four Directions Centre Society purchased the lot on the corner of Sixth Avenue and Jarvis Street for the purpose of developing a five-unit tiny house community. The site is designed to feel like a community and each stand-alone unit now provides supported housing to individuals in need.

Blood Ties supports individuals who have a difficult time accessing housing. Their clientele experience discrimination in the housing market, frequently cannot stay successfully housed in traditional market rental housing, and experience frequent housing interruptions.

With the help of government partners including the Community Development Fund, generous private donors and dedicated tradespeople, the Steve Cardiff Tiny House Community Project was completed in January 2019.

“The realization of the Steve Cardiff Tiny House Community Project has made an important

difference in Whitehorse. The houses were completed in mid-January and by the end of March, we had all five tiny houses occupied by people in need. All five residents were people who had been experiencing chronic or episodic homelessness. Today, they each have their own house as well as support services to keep them safe. The tenant has a goal-focused case management, a housing support worker, and assistance in managing many aspects of their lives from guest management challenges, learning good neighbor skills, accessing health services, and developing employment goals. Without having the comfort and safety of their own house, none of these other goals could be realized.” says Patricia Bacon, Executive Director.

By providing a foundation of housing with case management supports, Blood Ties can improve health outcomes, provide stability, encourage growth and change, and help their clients to be better engaged in our community.



Photos courtesy of Dawson City Music Festival Association

Dawson City Music Festival Association: Yukon Girls Rock Camp: Whitehorse

The Dawson City Music Festival Association has been offering a Yukon Girls Rock Camp (YGRC) in Dawson since 2015. The Yukon Girls Rock Camp is described as a social justice camp using rock music and positive mentorship as a vehicle to empower girls, trans, and gender-nonconforming youth between the ages of 8-18 years and amplify their voices for healing, growth and change.

Since its inception, there has been significant interest in starting a YGRC in Whitehorse to address the needs and challenges of youth in a more urban environment. In August 2018, Dawson City Music Festival launched Yukon Girls Rock Camp: Whitehorse in partnership with MusicYukon, Something Shows, Yukon Arts Centre and the Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre.

YGRC aims to help campers develop the confidence to try something different, forge new friendships, foster positive role models and create safe spaces to be themselves.

In addition to five separate music and band sessions each morning and afternoon, campers participated in a variety of workshops that focused on social justice, empowerment and community building. It was an opportunity for the campers to talk about growing up in the North, gender issues, media literacy and positive self-expression.

This project not only benefited Whitehorse, but also the communities from which the youth live. Benefits included equipping youth with healthy and positive coping mechanisms and to believe in themselves; providing tools to understand and build healthy consent-based relationships; building confidence and healthy self-expression; and encouraging youth to use their voice to become positive community leaders for change. They learned how to make their world an awesome place to live through community activism.

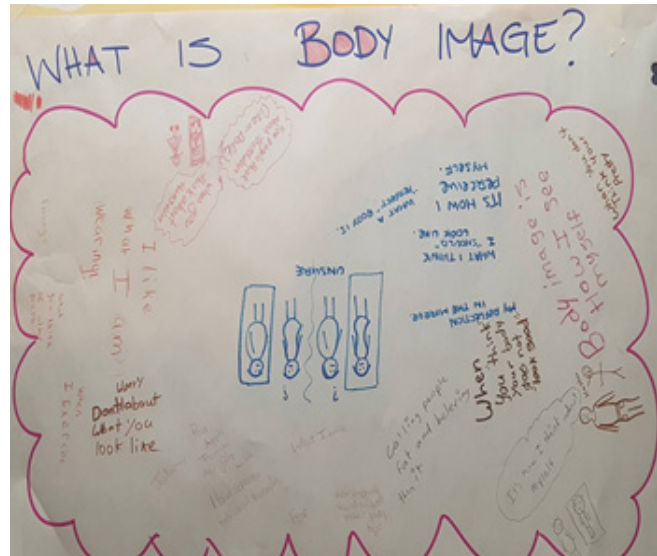




Photo courtesy of Watson Lake
Creative Playgroup Society

Watson Lake Creative Playgroup Society: Watson Lake Community Garden

The Watson Lake Creative Playgroup Society coordinated and constructed a fenced community garden with 10 garden beds, a system for watering the garden and a shed to store garden tools. The community garden, located at beautiful Wye Lake Park, has provided community members a welcoming space to develop skills, knowledge and experience in planting, harvesting and growing their own healthy food.

Ten fenced-in garden beds were successfully planted and harvested over the summer. Eight beds went towards individual and the society's use, while two beds were used as communal beds for food donation to the women's shelter and soup kitchen.

The Watson Lake Community Garden is a welcome benefit to the community. Growing produce locally not only provides healthy, organic food but has a positive impact on food security. The community garden encourages a healthy and more active lifestyle that fosters social connections and allows members of the community to volunteer and take pride in helping others.

Community Development Fund Approvals 2018-2019

Community	Organization	Project Name	Amount approved
Beaver Creek	White River First Nation	Community Rural Magical Garden	\$19,999
Burwash Landing	Kluane First Nation	Kluane First Nation Elders Memory Project Phase 3	\$18,250
Carcross	Carcross/Tagish First Nation	Community Learning Centre Landscaping Training Project	\$92,965
Carmacks	Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation	New Cultural Centre Feasibility Study	\$75,000
	Judo Yukon	Healthy Minds & Healthy Body Female Judo Camp	\$4,719
Dawson	City of Dawson	Trail Management Plan Implementation	\$97,729
	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in	Youth Centre Renovation Planning	\$62,640
	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in	Tr'ochek Cultural Camp Upgrades	\$13,172
	St. Paul's Anglican Church	Chapel Kitchen & Bathroom Renovation	\$58,000
	Friends of the Palace Grand Society	Communications & Marketing Strategy	\$12,358
Faro	Faro Golf Club	Purchase zero-turn mower and greens mower	\$52,271
Haines Junction	Champagne and Aishihik First Nations	Natural Playground (Daycare/Language Hub) Phase 2	\$75,000
Mayo	Mayo Volunteer Fire Department Association	North Star Park Playground	\$55,805
Old Crow	Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation	Old Crow Rink Upgrades	\$5,220
	Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation	Recreation Storage Garage	\$17,664
Pelly Crossing	Selkirk First Nation	Renovations to Link Building	\$297,525
	Selkirk First Nation	Little John Slough Camp Upgrades	\$20,000
Ross River	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River Community Language Centre Study	\$90,000

Community	Organization	Project Name	Amount approved
Teslin	Village of Teslin	Teslin Marina Sign Kiosk	\$20,000
	Village of Teslin	Friendship Park Playground Renewal	\$42,639
Watson Lake	Liard First Nation	Summer Family Outings	\$19,035
	Liard First Nation	Phase 2 Upper Liard Hall Renovations	\$67,140
	Liard First Nation	Phase 3 Upper Liard Hall Gazebo & Storage Shed	\$20,000
	Liard First Nation	Liard First Nation Cultural Facility Planning	\$20,000
	Town of Watson Lake	Morgan Chaddock Recreation Centre Upgrades	\$57,005
	Liard Valley Literary Society	Makerspace Cart	\$5,611
	Watson Lake Daycare Centre Society	Watson Lake Daycare Appliance Purchase	\$4,331
	Watson Lake Creative Playgroup	Watson Lake Community Garden	\$19,456
	Watson Lake Elders Society	Youth of Watson Lake - Carving Their Futures	\$17,130
Whitehorse	Porter Creek Community Association	Pine Street Park Playground	\$115,080
	Polarettes & Polar Tumblers Gymnastics Club	Polarettes Gymnastics Equipment Replacement Project	\$82,364
	Blood Ties Four Directions Centre Society	Steve Cardiff Tiny House Community Project	\$100,000
	Kwanlin Dün First Nation	Kwanlin Dün Community Playground	\$100,300
	Kwanlin Dün First Nation	Waterfront Heritage Project Interpretive Plan	\$73,100
	The Heart of Riverdale Community Centre	New Play Space for the Heart	\$86,500
	Biathlon Yukon	Functional Space Analysis & Feasibility Study	\$13,500
	Riverdale Community Association	Liard Park - Let's Play Basketball	\$2,202
	Flatwater Paddling Yukon Society	Upgrades to Flatwater Paddling Base - Schwatka Lake	\$13,000
	Southern Tutchone Tribal Council	Archival Recordings Preservation Project	\$17,520
	Yukon Astronomical Society	YAS Public Observatory Project Takhini Hot Springs Phase II	\$65,918
	Yukon Astronomical Society	Repair and Modifications to YAS's Observatory Site	\$52,940
	Yukon Church Heritage Society	Old Log Rectory Roof Restoration & Heating System Replacement	\$20,000
	Whitehorse Curling Club	Electrical Distribution Upgrade - Phase 2	\$72,139
	Canadian Mental Health Association, Yukon Division	Train the Trainer - Mental Health Works	\$23,700
	Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous	Rendezvous Park Infrastructure Project	\$15,821
	Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous	Five Year Strategic Plan and Policy Development	\$19,575
	Yukon Freestyle Ski Association	2018 Canada Cup	\$5,000
	Yukon Status of Women Council	YSWC website design and development	\$6,520

Community	Organization	Project Name	Amount approved
	Yukon Avalanche Association	Yukon Avalanche Association Snowmobile Education Program	\$5,260
	Yukon T1D Support Network	Type 1 Awareness Campaign	\$7,853
	Habitat for Humanity Yukon Society	Habitat Website Redesign	\$10,674
	Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society	Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society - Ten Year Master	\$75,000
	BYTE - Empowering Youth Society	Grey Mountain Dream Trail	\$48,675
	Whitehorse United Church	Church roof re-shingling & roof insulation upgrade	\$75,000
	Yukon First Nation Hockey Association	2019 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships Website	\$8,612
	Yukon First Nation Hockey Association	2019 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships	\$55,000
	MacBride Museum Society	The Innovators Hall of Fame - Yukon Nuggets Exhibit	\$45,000
	Yukon Invasive Species Council	Invasive Species Community Pilot Project 2019	\$13,450
	Nakai Theatre Ensemble	Phase One: Research and Development on Yukon Outdoor Theatre	\$20,000
	Youth of Today Society	Reconciliation Blanket Workshop	\$8,400
	Jewish Cultural Society of Yukon	Jewish Presence in the Klondike Gold Rush, Part 2	\$18,334
	Royal Canadian Legion Whitehorse Branch 254	Strategy Development for Whitehorse Legion Branch 254	\$17,616
Whitehorse Rural	Ibex Valley Volunteer Fire Fighters Society	Ibex Valley Firefighter Training Facility	\$71,032
Yukon Wide	Yukon Arts Centre Corporation	Yukon Arts Centre Website Development	\$61,075
	Northern Council for Global Cooperation	Sustainable Development Knowledge Sharing Event	\$19,700
	Dawson City Music Festival Association	Yukon Girls Rock Camp: Whitehorse	\$9,515
	Council of Yukon First Nations	Online Language Course Development Training Workshops	\$39,303
	Northern Native Broadcasting, Yukon	CHON-FM/NNBY Strategic Planning Project	\$18,000
	Centre for Human-Wildlife Conflict Solutions	Reducing human-bear conflicts through public education tools	\$19,463
	Challenge Disability Resource Group	Five Year Financial and Operational Management Plan	\$20,000
	Yukon First Nations Culture & Tourism Association	Three-Year Tactical Plan for Yukon First Nations Arts Brand	\$20,000
	Yukon Avalanche Association	Haines Pass Weather Station	\$20,000

Funding statistics

The following section provides a detailed breakdown of how the Community Development Fund money was spent over the 2018–2019 fiscal year.

Number of Applications Received Compared to Applications Approved

For the period April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019, the Community Development Fund program received 105 applications. As outlined in the chart below, 9 applications were withdrawn which left 96 to be processed. Of these 96 applications, 73 were approved and 23 were denied. This represents an average approval rate of 76 per cent.

Figure 1: Number of applications received compared to applications approved

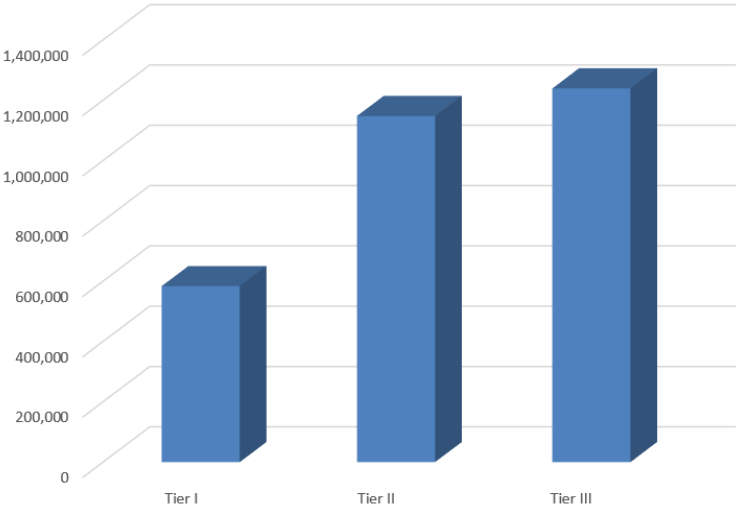
Community Development Fund 2018-19 Fiscal Year Data	Number of Applications Received			Number of Applications Approved			% Funded
	Total Received	Withdrawn	Total Processed	Fully Funded	Partially Funded	Total Funded	Approval Rate
Tier I	57	8	49	40	2	42	86%
Tier II	31	1	30	18	1	19	63%
Tier III	17	0	17	7	5	12	71%
Total (all tiers)	105	9	96	65	8	73	76%

Distribution of dollars by tier

The Community Development Fund approved \$2,970,076 for projects in the fiscal year April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. Some of these projects are multi-year initiatives. The largest portion of this funding went to Tier III projects followed by Tier II and Tier I.

Tier I:	42 approved projects =	\$583,329
Tier II:	19 approved projects =	\$1,147,629
Tier III:	12 approved projects =	\$1,239,118
Total (all tiers):		\$2,970,076

Figure 2: Approvals by tier



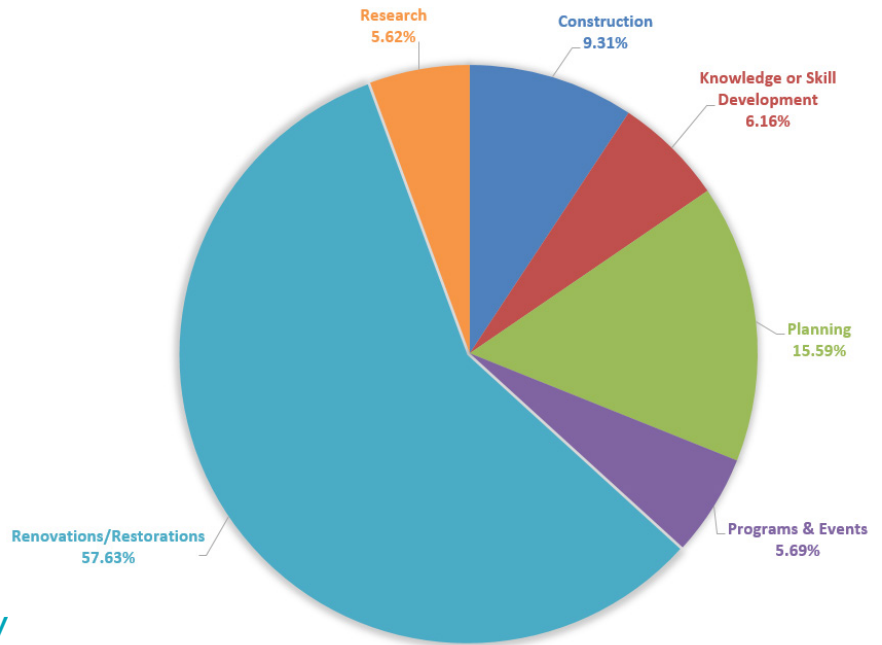
Distribution of dollars by project category

All projects are assigned to specific categories. The information below reflects the number of projects approved in each category for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, and the distributional breakdown of dollars.

Figure 3: Dollars approved by category

Category	No. of Projects	Amount Approved
Construction	5	\$276,406
Knowledge/Skill Development	7	\$183,092
Planning	13	\$463,152
Program/Events	8	\$168,849
Renovations/Restorations	34	\$1,711,673
Research	6	\$166,904
Total	73	\$2,970,076

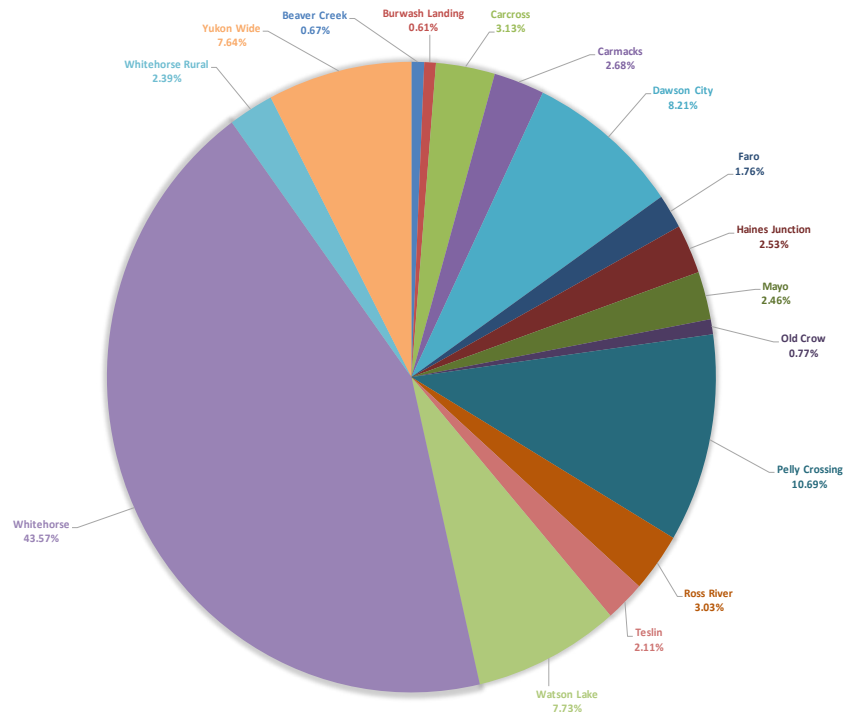
Figure 4: Percentage of funding approved by category



Distribution of dollars by community

For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the communities receiving the most dollars were Whitehorse at over 43 per cent, Pelly Crossing at over 10 per cent and Dawson City at over 8 per cent. Overall, Whitehorse received 43 per cent and rural Yukon received 57 per cent of funding.

Figure 5: Percentage of funding approved by community



Community	Total amount for all tiers
Beaver Creek	\$19,999
Burwash Landing	\$18,250
Carcross	\$92,965
Carmacks	\$79,719
Dawson City	\$243,899
Faro	\$52,271
Haines Junction	\$75,000
Mayo	\$73,075
Old Crow	\$22,885
Pelly Crossing	\$297,525
Ross River	\$90,000
Teslin	\$62,639
Watson Lake	\$229,708
Whitehorse	\$1,294,053
Whitehorse rural	\$71,032
Yukon wide	\$227,056
Total	\$2,970,076

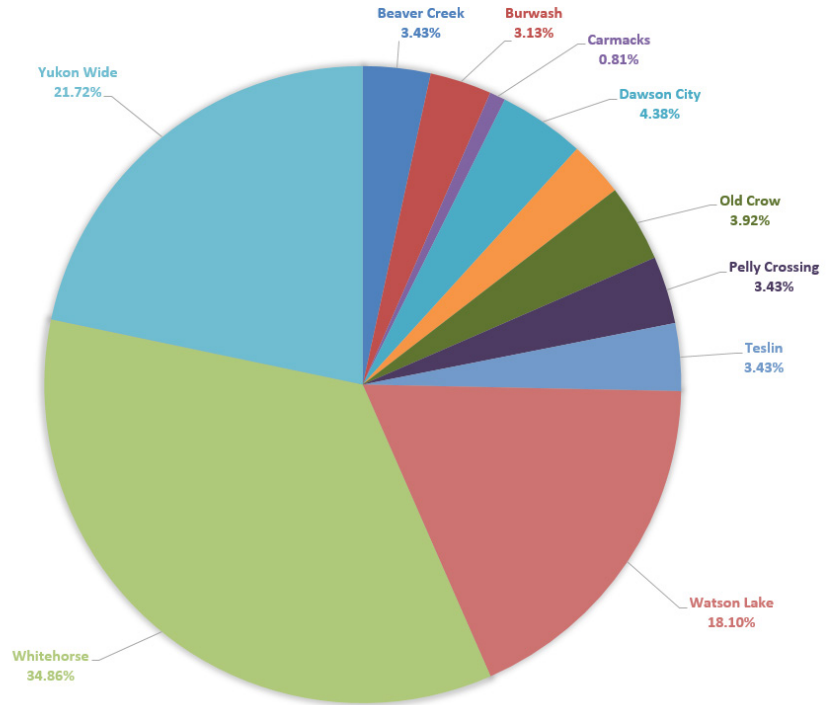
Distribution of dollars by community per tier

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

In Tier I, the communities receiving the most dollars were Whitehorse at nearly 35 per cent, followed by Watson Lake at over 18 per cent, and Dawson City at nearly 5 per cent.

Community	Amount
Beaver Creek	\$19,999
Burwash	\$18,250
Carmacks	\$4,719
Dawson City	\$25,530
Faro	\$16,368
Old Crow	\$22,885
Pelly Crossing	\$20,000
Teslin	\$20,000
Watson Lake	\$105,563
Whitehorse	\$203,337
Yukon wide	\$126,678
Total	\$583,329

Figure 6: Tier I dollars approved by community in percentages

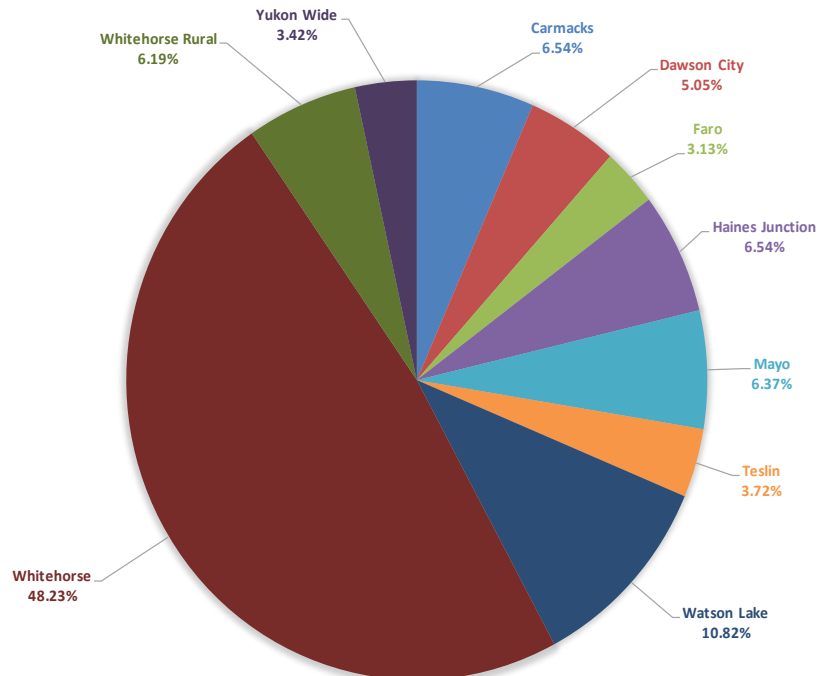


Tier II dollars approved by community (funding requests from \$20,001 to \$75,000)

In Tier II, the highest percentage of funding went to Whitehorse at 48 per cent followed by Watson Lake which received 11 per cent and Carmacks and Haines Junction each receiving nearly 7 per cent.

Community	Amount
Carmacks	\$75,000
Dawson City	\$58,000
Faro	\$35,903
Haines Junction	\$75,000
Mayo	\$73,075
Teslin	\$42,639
Watson Lake	\$124,145
Whitehorse	\$553,532
Whitehorse Rural	\$71,032
Yukon wide	\$39,303
Total	\$1,147,629

Figure 7: Tier II dollars approved by community in percentages



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

In Tier III, 43 per cent of the funding was awarded to Whitehorse, with Pelly Crossing receiving 24 per cent, and Dawson City receiving 13 per cent.

Community	Amount
Carcross	\$92,965
Dawson City	\$160,369
Pelly Crossing	\$297,525
Ross River	\$90,000
Whitehorse	\$537,184
Yukon wide	\$61,075
Total	\$1,239,118

Figure 8: Tier III dollars approved by region in percentages

