



# Community Development Fund

## Annual Report



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## Minister's message

The Community Development Fund (CDF) continues to provide the resources needed for local initiatives that contribute to vibrant and sustainable communities. As Minister of Economic Development, I recognize the important contributions community-driven projects make towards Yukon's economic growth and prosperity.

Community members are the most knowledgeable when it comes to understanding the needs of those around them, and the fund offers Yukoners resources to fulfill those unique community needs.

This report documents those CDF projects that have a meaningful impact in local areas and across the territory. Community projects such as the Lower Bench Playground in Faro or the Uyat'ts'an je na Memorial Park in Burwash Landing provide meaningful spaces that support the mental and physical health of community members. Broader focused projects like the textile baler in Whitehorse offer environmental benefits that affect all Yukoners.

Every initiative supported by the Community Development Fund in the last year was driven by passionate and dedicated Yukoners. Their efforts improve the lives of those around them and contribute to strong communities that are modern and evolve with the needs of their residents. My hope is that the many success stories in this report will inspire more Yukoners to innovate and imagine new creations that improve our quality of life and offer new opportunities across Yukon.

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 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 four stories depict some of the community projects that were supported by the Community Development Fund during the 2019–2020 fiscal year.

### Whitehorse Firefighters Charitable Society: Harmony S60XDRC Textile Baler

The Whitehorse Firefighters Charitable Society has partnered with Raven Recycling to purchase and install an updated textile baler that will help to divert more waste from Yukon's landfills.

It is estimated that between 200–300 thousand pounds of re-usable textiles enter the landfill each year. This new textile baler will allow Raven Recycling to bale and sell up to 1,500,000 pounds of clothing per year. This project has taken the pressure off the various businesses and organizations who, in recent years, have been overwhelmed with both the amount of donated clothing and the cost of disposing unusable items.

The new textile baler is benefitting the community by reducing landfill waste, decreasing costs for businesses and non-profits, as well as bringing a small profit to Whitehorse Firefighters Charitable Society and Raven Recycling to support their programming.

## Kluane First Nation: Uyat'ts'an je na Memorial Park

“A Place for Remembering our Loved Ones”

After a series of losses in their community, Kluane First Nation has built a memorial park in Burwash Landing to give its citizens a quiet place to grieve and remember loved ones. The park features a rock garden, flowers and fairy gardens. Citizens made stepping stones at special workshops held in Burwash Landing and Whitehorse, and community members created their memorials.

The creation of the Memorial Park was a true community undertaking, with volunteers planting the garden and painting memorials. The project also employed three community members to coordinate the project and build fences, while sourcing most of the materials from Yukon businesses.

The Kluane First Nation Memorial Park (Uyat'ts'an je na) offers community members a healthy and safe way to grieve their losses. This project allowed the community to come together in a positive way to work on a project which will continue to benefit residents for many years.



Photo courtesy of Kluane First Nation.

## Flatwater Paddling Society: Dragon Boat Purchase

Dragon boating is a popular, inclusive and competitive activity for people of all ages and abilities. Flatwater North has purchased a 20-seat, competition-sized dragon boat to keep up with increasing community demands for dragon boating programs. This project will allow the Elder Active team for the 55+ Games, as well as other groups and community youth, to train and gain experience with a full-sized boat.

The purchase of this dragon boat will allow Flatwater North to hire a new coach and to continue to grow its programs. Dragon boating encourages healthy lifestyles, teamwork and teaches participants new skills. The social aspect of the sport is a benefit for all participants and especially seniors.

The future ability to offer active sporting opportunities to all members of the community will be a benefit. Dragon boating provides an opportunity for a diverse range of people to get to know each other and has become an international movement for breast cancer survivors.



Photo courtesy of Flatwater Paddling Society



Photo courtesy of Yukon Historical & Museums Association

## Yukon Historical & Museums Association: Kohklux 150 Commemoration Symposium and Interpretive Display

In 1869, Chilkat leader Kohklux and his wives drew the Kohklux Map for American scientist George Davidson. The map depicts the details and landscape of an Indigenous trade route between southeast Alaska and southwest Yukon from Klukwan to Fork Selkirk. To date, it is the oldest preserved map drawn on paper by Indigenous people of southern Yukon and details over 100 Indigenous place names in several languages.

For the 150th anniversary of the creation of the map the Yukon Historical and Museums Association teamed up with Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center in Haines, Alaska and Elders from several Yukon First Nations to organize “Our Trails Bring Us Together, an international conference and travelling interpretive display exploring the Kohklux and Kadik maps and their legacies”. The conference offered a forum for the exchange of new research, stories and memories between community knowledge-keepers, academics, historians and others.

This project brought together Yukon First Nation and Alaska Native people from the areas represented on the map for the first time in decades and allowed a whole new generation to learn about the maps and their shared histories. It also allowed First Nations participants to celebrate their ancestor’s knowledge and travel experience and increased cultural knowledge and interest in pursuing further linguistic and cultural research.

This conference had the original Kandik map on display and led to high-quality digitization which will allow study and appreciation of the maps for a wider audience in the future. The pursuit of the original maps for the conference came with many challenges but overall has increased the knowledge and capacity of the participants to pursue similar cultural partnerships in the future.

# Community Development Fund Approvals 2019-2020

Community	Organization	Project Name	Amount approved
Burwash Landing	Kluane First Nation	Kluane First Nation Memorial Park	\$19,351
	Kluane First Nation	Elders Memory Project - Manuscript Production	\$18,750
Carcross	Carcross Tagish Development Corporation	Gazebo Rejuvenation Project	\$72,200
Carmacks	Village of Carmacks	Ground Penetrating Radar for Nordenskiöld Cemetary	\$11,830
Dawson	Conservation Klondike Society	Overhang extension for recycling depot	\$11,444
	Dawson City Music Festival Association	Policy development and training for safer spaces	\$11,761
	Klondike Active Transport and Trails Society	Cross Country Ski Trails - grooming equipment	\$22,796
	Klondike Development Organization	Midnight Dome Enhancement Project	\$40,200
	Dawson Society for Children and Families	Little Blue Daycare outdoor play area revamp	\$82,140
	Klondike Visitors Association	Diamond Tooth Gerties air conditioning unit upgrade	\$67,500
Faro	Town of Faro	Lower Bench Playground	\$133,893
Haines Junction	Champagne and Aishihik First Nations	CAFN Book of Values Framework	\$20,000
	Champagne and Aishihik First Nations	Indigenous Law Community Engagement Framework	\$57,500
	Champagne and Aishihik First Nations	Human Resource, Business and Cultural Capacity Inventory	\$72,000
Mayo	First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun	Rainwater Collection System	\$16,784
	Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Development Corporation	Make Up Air System - Mayo Cafe	\$78,315
	Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Development Corporation	Arctic Winter Games Fur Pom-Pom Community Initiative	\$12,000
Pelly Crossing	Selkirk First Nation	Pelly Crossing Welcome Sign	\$14,000
	Selkirk First Nation	Community Ice Resurfacer Replacement Project	\$108,000

<b>Community</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount approved</b>
<b>Ross River</b>	Ross River Recreation Society	Empowerin Youth Through Culture and Arts	\$7,350
<b>Teslin</b>	Teslin Historical & Museum Society	George Johnston Museum Interpretive Training and Ops Manual	\$18,390
	Village of Teslin	Teslin Community Trail Planning	\$12,500
	Village of Teslin	Teslin Municipal Boundary Expansion Report Update	\$19,800
	Teslin Historical & Museum Society	Security System Revitalization Project	\$8,221
	Deisleen Development Corporation	Teslin South Kiosk Project	\$21,123
<b>Watson Lake</b>	Watson Lake Daycare Centre Society	Oil Tank Replacement	\$8,500
	Signpost Seniors Association	Commercial Appliance Purchase	\$6,605
	Town of Watson Lake	Equipment Purchase for Events	\$9,085
	Watson Lake Riding Association	Equestrian Facility Remediation/Renovation	\$55,311
	Watson Lake Daycare Center Society	Health and Safety Renovations	\$29,305
	First Kaska GP. Ltd	Health Shuttle Project	\$135,105
<b>Whitehorse</b>	Friends of Mount Sima Society	Preseason Coordinator Pilot Project	\$20,000
	Christ Church Cathedral	Christ Church Cathedral Walkway and Landing Renovations	\$3,573
	Yukon Agricultural Association	Completion of YAA's Engagement/Communications Projects	\$19,751
	Downtown Urban Gardeners' Society	Whitehorse Community Garden Bed Replacement	\$5,316
	Whistle Bend Community Garden Coalition	Whistle Bend Community Garden - Phase 1	\$19,040
	Yukon Transportation Museum Society	Improving Our Museum's Flow	\$17,974
	Les Essentielles	Women's Leadership Workshop	\$10,924
	Cross Country Yukon	SnoMax equipment and product purchase	\$8,485
	Golden Age Society	Storage Cabinets	\$14,400
	Guild Society	Emergency Exit Installation	\$5,535
	Whitehorse Archery Club	Rebuilding Whitehorse Archery Clubhouse	\$46,804
	Fireweed Community Market Society	Market Strategy & Brand Development	\$10,148

Community	Organization	Project Name	Amount approved
	Canadian Mental Health Association, Yukon Division	Peer Support Training Program	\$20,000
	Robotics North Society	FIRST Lego League Yukon Scrimmage & Qualifying Tournament	\$4,576
	Yukon Freestyle Ski Association	Training equipment	\$6,159
	Inclusion Yukon Society	Rebrand and Website Development	\$18,519
	Hospice Yukon Society	New Website	\$5,097
	Association Franco-Yukonnaise	Archival Management and Digitization Preparation	\$18,474
	Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous	Rebranding	\$18,060
	Guild Society	Storage Container Purchase	\$12,946
	Whitehorse 2020 Arctic Winter Games Host Society	Transportation for AWG 2020 Opening Ceremony and Closing Event	\$20,000
	Flatwater Paddling North Society	Dragon Boat Purchase	\$18,384
	Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club	Strategic Planning	\$18,000
	Creative Lab North Society	Project Manager for Creative Summit	\$19,475
	Yukon Comic Culture Society	Geek-End Event and Market	\$18,714
	Guild Society	Guild Hall Energy Efficiency Upgrades	\$22,601
	Friends of Mount Sima Society	Asset Management Strategy Development	\$40,000
	Whitehorse Curling Club	Micro Generation Solar Energy Recovery Project	\$55,952
	Yukon Curling Association	Junior Curling Development Pilot Project	\$28,000
	Yukon Quest International Association (Canada)	Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race Website Development	\$25,000
	Raven Recycling Society	Promoting and Understanding Zero Waste/Circular Economy in Yukon	\$20,018
	Da Daghay Development Corporation	River Bend Playground	\$200,000
	Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club	Ski Trails Homologation Project	\$181,285
	Nakai Theatre Ensemble	Phase One: Research and Development on Yukon Outdoor Theatre	\$20,000
	Flatwater Paddling Yukon Society	Travelling Road Show Equipment Purchase	\$20,000
	Yukon Art Society	Rebranding	\$17,936
	Yukon Arts Centre Corporation	Digitizing Yukon Arts Centre Permanent Art Collection	\$14,500
	Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre	Essentials Appliances: Washer, Kitchen Stove and Recycling Bin	\$1,745
	Boys and Girls Club of Yukon	Canadian Adventure Therapy Symposium 7, Sept. 18-20, 2019	\$42,695

Community	Organization	Project Name	Amount approved
Whitehorse Rural	Mendenhall Community Association	Mendenhall Community Building Workshop Series	\$1,560
Yukon Wide	Association of Yukon Communities	Administrative Staff Training	\$11,131
	Yukon Film Society	Online Marketing and Distribution of Yukon Films	\$10,380
	Council of Yukon First Nations	CYFN Archives - Image Identification Project	\$19,500
	Yukon First Nations Culture & Tourism Association	Yukon Authentic Indigenous Moments	\$75,000
	Northern Native Broadcasting, Yukon	Support and Supply for Main Event - Indigenous Day Live 2019	\$75,000
	Whitehorse Firefighters Charitable Society	Harmony S60XDRC Textile Baler with Rear Chute	\$53,260
	Whitehorse 2020 Arctic Winter Games Host Society	AWG 50th Anniversary Documentary Video	\$75,000
	Volunteer Benevoles Yukon Society	Establishing the Feasibility of a Yukon NGO Hub	\$30,000
	dāna Näye Ventures	Youth Learning Entrepreneurial Abilities and Possibilities	\$33,724
	Yukon Foundation	Administrative Modernization Initiative	\$36,630
	Yukon Historical & Museums Association	Kohklux 150 Commemoration Symposium and Interpretive Display	\$89,111
	Yukon Theatre for Young People Society	Canadian Institute for Theatre Technology Conference 2019	\$76,788

# Funding statistics

The following section provides a detailed breakdown of how the Community Development Fund money was spent over the 2019–2020 fiscal year.

## Number of applications received compared to applications approved

For the period April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020, the Community Development Fund program received 102 applications. As outlined in the chart below, 11 applications were withdrawn which left 91 to be processed. Of these 91 applications, 82 were approved and nine were denied. This represents an average approval rate of 90 per cent.

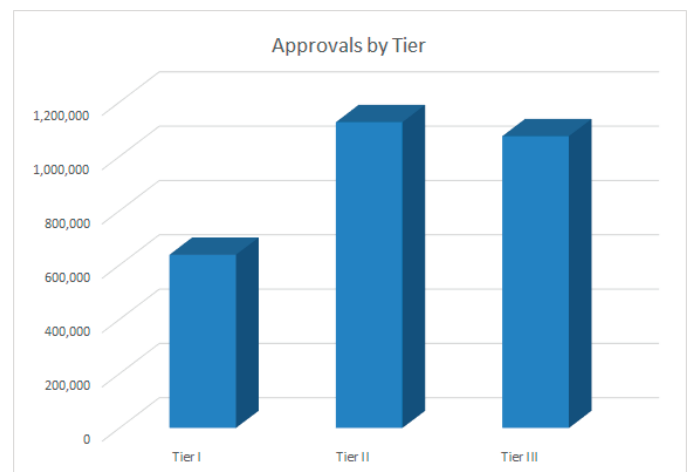
Figure 1: Number of applications received compared to applications approved

Community Development Fund 2019-20 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	53	4	49	45	3	48	98%
Tier II	36	7	29	23	2	25	86%
Tier III	13	0	13	7	2	9	69%
<b>Total (all tiers)</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>90%</b>

## Distribution of dollars by tier

The Community Development Fund approved \$2,838,929 for projects in the fiscal year April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020. 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.

<b>Tier I:</b>	48 approved projects =	\$637,959
<b>Tier II:</b>	25 approved projects =	\$1,126,273
<b>Tier III:</b>	9 approved projects =	\$1,074,697
<b>Total (all tiers):</b>		<b>\$2,838,929</b>



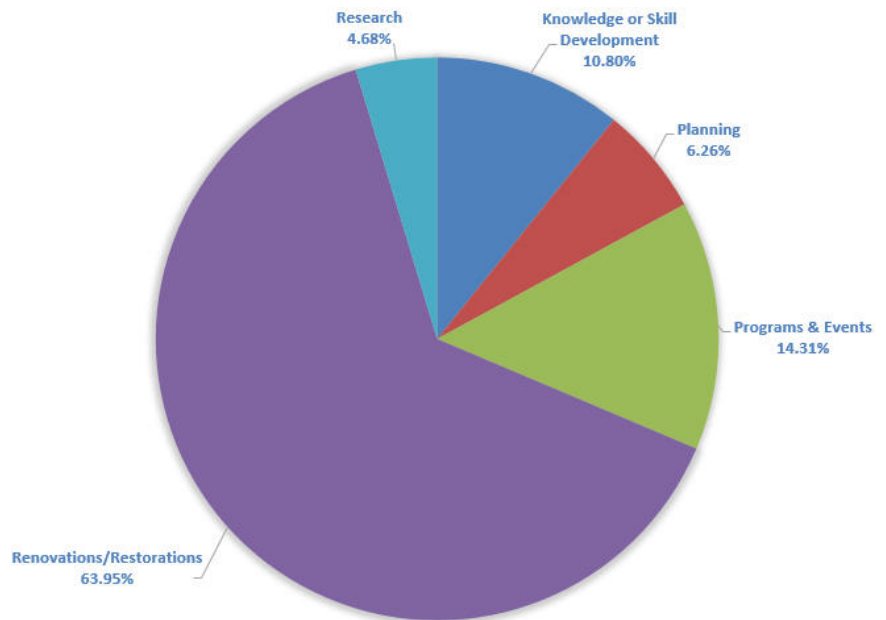
## Distribution of dollars by project category

All projects are assigned to specific categories. The information below reflects the number of projects approved in each category for the 2019–2020 fiscal year and the distributional breakdown of dollars.

Figure 3: Dollars approved by category

Category	No. of Projects	Amount Approved
Construction	0	\$0
Knowledge/Skill Development	9	\$306,654
Planning	6	\$177,800
Program/Events	13	\$406,193
Renovations/Restorations	50	\$1,815,557
Research	4	\$132,725
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>\$2,838,929</b>

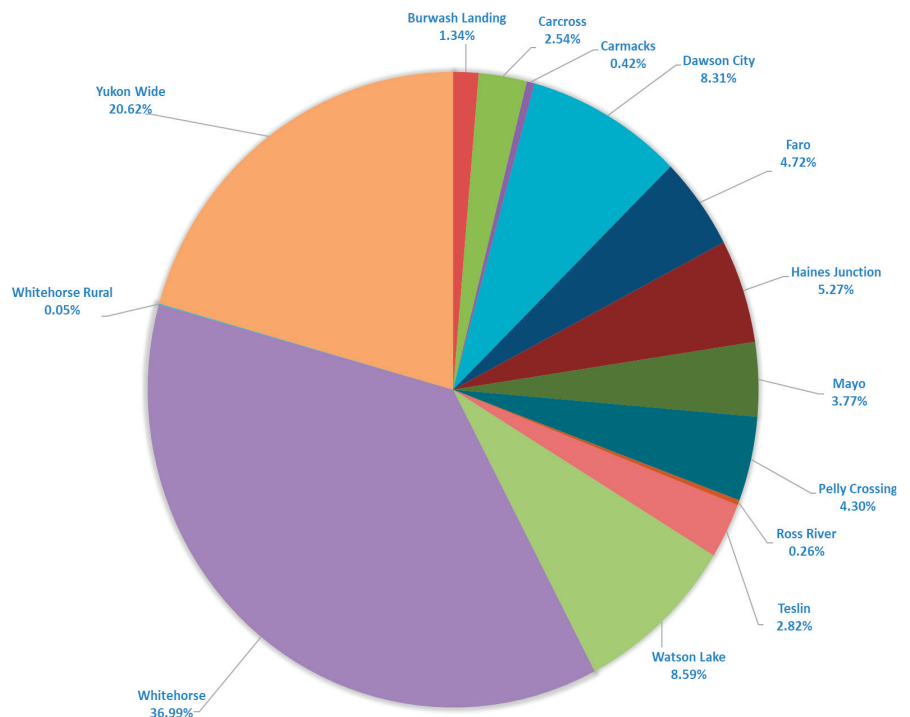
Figure 4: Percentage of funding approved by category



## Distribution of dollars by community

For the 2019–2020 fiscal year, the communities receiving the most dollars were Whitehorse at 37 per cent, Watson Lake at over 8 per cent and Dawson City at over 8 per cent. Overall, Whitehorse received 37 per cent and rural Yukon received 63 per cent of funding.

Figure 5: Percentage of funding approved by community



Community	Total amount for all tiers
Burwash Landing	\$38,101
Carcross	\$72,200
Carmacks	\$11,830
Dawson City	\$235,841
Faro	\$133,893
Haines Junction	\$149,500
Mayo	\$107,099
Pelly Crossing	\$122,000
Ross River	\$7,350
Teslin	\$80,034
Watson Lake	\$243,911
Whitehorse	\$1,050,086
Whitehorse rural	\$1,560
Yukon wide	\$585,524
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,838,929</b>

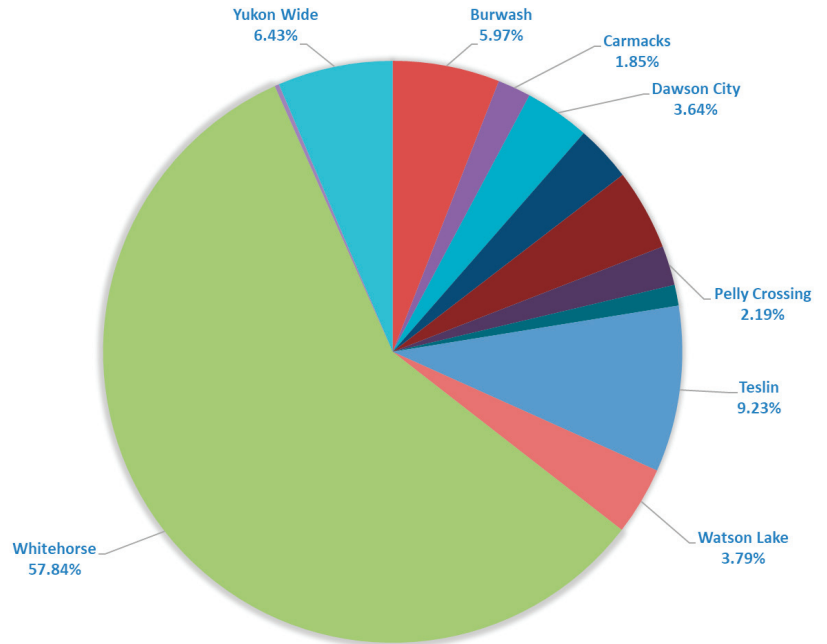
## Distribution of dollars by community per tier

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

In Tier I, the communities receiving the most dollars were Whitehorse at over 57 per cent, followed by Teslin at over 9 per cent, and Burwash Landing at nearly 6 per cent.

Community	Amount
Burwash Landing	\$38,101
Carmacks	\$11,830
Dawson City	\$23,205
Haines Junction	\$20,000
Mayo	\$28,784
Pelly Crossing	\$14,000
Ross River	\$7,350
Teslin	\$58,911
Watson Lake	\$24,190
Whitehorse	\$369,017
Whitehorse Rural	\$1,560
Yukon wide	\$41,011
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$637,959</b>

Figure 6: Tier I dollars approved by community in percentages

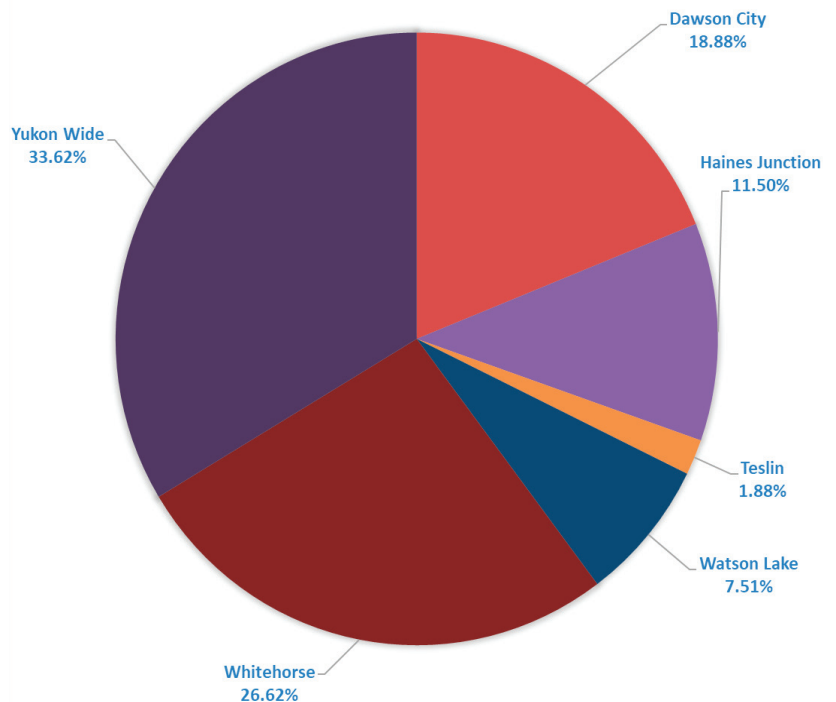


### Tier II dollars approved by community (funding requests from \$20,001 to \$75,000)

In Tier II, the highest percentage of funding went to Whitehorse at over 26 per cent followed by Dawson City which received nearly 19 per cent and Haines Junction receiving over 11 per cent.

Community	Amount
Dawson City	\$212,636
Haines Junction	\$129,500
Teslin	\$21,123
Watson Lake	\$84,616
Whitehorse	\$299,784
Yukon wide	\$378,614
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,126,273</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, over 35 per cent of the funding was awarded to Whitehorse, with Watson Lake and Faro receiving just over 12 per cent each.

<b>Community</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Carcross	\$72,200
Faro	\$133,893
Mayo	\$78,315
Pelly Crossing	\$108,000
<b>Watson Lake</b>	<b>\$135,105</b>
Whitehorse	\$381,285
Yukon wide	\$165,899
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,074,697</b>

Figure 8: Tier III dollars approved by community in percentages

