



# Community Development Fund

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## Minister's message

The Yukon is full of passionate and creative individuals who actively work to improve their communities. The Community Development Fund is an excellent tool that continues to provide the resources that Yukoners need to bring their ideas to life and make these projects possible. These locally driven initiatives contribute to economic growth, the well-being of citizens and the sustainability of the Yukon's communities.

This report compiles all the great work that Yukoners have accomplished by utilizing the Community Development Fund. This includes supporting the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun to make significant retrofits to their commercial greenhouse, which provides locals with the opportunity to learn horticulture techniques while growing healthy food locally. Funding was provided to help the Town of Watson Lake upgrade their multi-use trail system, promoting good physical and mental well-being. The fund also helped Champagne and Aishihik First Nations expand and develop the Da Kų Cultural Centre's outdoor space; the new expansion provides space for visitors to experience cultural and language programming and events that will increase visitor and community awareness and knowledge of the First Nations' territory, people and traditions.

These projects would not be possible without the forward-thinking Yukoners and organizations, which have worked hard to create solutions based on the needs of their neighbours. My hope is that we continue this approach to maximize the benefits of the Community Development Fund, while finding new and innovative ways to better the lives of all Yukoners.

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 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 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.



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## Community Development Fund testimonials

The following four stories depict some of the community projects that were supported by the Community Development Fund during the 2020–2021 fiscal year.

### Town of Watson Lake: Single-Track Trail Upgrades

The Town of Watson Lake has numerous trails that are considered an integral part of the community's healthy and vibrant lifestyle. The trails provide access to lakes and fishing spots and link residential areas to downtown, recreational facilities and schools.

In recognition of the increasing popularity of mountain biking among youth, the Community Development Fund provided funding to the Town of Watson Lake to upgrade the multi-use trail system to single-track standards. The upgrades were specific to the areas between the base of the Watson Lake Ski Hill, Two Mile Village, Watson Lake Secondary School and Johnson Elementary School.

A group of individuals had the opportunity to work with an expert trail builder to perform upgrades while learning hazard awareness and the art of trail maintenance. After the upgrades were completed, with assistance from volunteers and local NGOs, a two-day mountain bike skill building clinic for youth was held to showcase the trail enhancements. The project accentuated the Town of Watson Lake's strong volunteerism and community engagement.

The project was the first step for the Watson Lake community in building a long-term plan to enhance the local use of the trails, while developing them as a tourist attraction and economic driver for the town. Trail systems are a key attraction for visitors to a region and improve quality of life by promoting good physical and mental well-being.

**“Great addition to the trail network. Kids really enjoyed the mountain biking skill building clinic. Trails were used in the winter for skiing and in the summer for biking, walking and ATVing.”**

- Cam Lockwood, Watson Lake  
Chief Administrative Officer

## Whitehorse Glacier Bears Swim Club: New Starting Blocks

The Whitehorse Glacier Bears Swim Club (WGBSC) is a strong competitive swim club with over 140 young athletes ages five to 18. WGBSC organizes a variety of swim competitions and time trials throughout the year to increase opportunities for Yukon athletes to meet provincial and national time standards required for participation in events outside the Yukon. Starting blocks are a big part of swim meet equipment and used for all swim events with the exception of the backstroke.

With support from the Community Development Fund, the Whitehorse Glacier Bears Swim Club purchased and installed eight new starting blocks. These modern starting blocks replaced the 30-year-old ones that had been recycled from the former Lions pool. The new starting blocks have a slanted platform near the back of the block and a newly added footrest, which can be adjusted to different positions from the front of the starting block. This allows the swimmer to place their back foot in position where the knee is at a 90-degree angle, giving the athlete a more powerful start.

The new starting blocks are used year-round by competitive and non-competitive swim groups as well as members of the public. Having safe and approved, competitive-level starting blocks ensures swimmers can develop and excel in the sport of competitive swimming and allows the club to continue hosting events that bring visitors to the Yukon.



Photo courtesy of Whitehorse Glacier Bears Swim Club

**“The kids are loving it. A lot of happiness out of them. Really satisfied with the results. Parents are always commenting how amazing they look. It is used by other groups.”**

- James Stewart, past board member



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## First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun: Commercial Greenhouse Retrofit

The First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun (FNNND) recently purchased the former Partridge Creek Farm, a 320-acre farm located an hour north of Mayo. The site is in its first year of development and consists of a large barn, stables, slaughterhouse, commercial greenhouse, chicken coops and several wells. It is currently home to 40 pigs, 150 laying birds and 75 meat rabbits.

With support through the Community Development Fund, FNNND is able to make significant improvements to their commercial greenhouse. Key infrastructure upgrades are required to modernize the operations such as the covering, air circulation, heating, irrigation and temperature and humidity controls. These upgrades allow the First Nation to build capacity to feed their citizens as well as enable them to grow bedding plants well ahead of the traditional spring window.

The FNNND farm greenhouse project has been developed with a strong community and social impact strategy in mind. The farm currently operates a successful support worker program that provides membership and training for FNNND citizens that face barriers to employment. Many of these workers focus their efforts on working in the greenhouse and the outlying exterior gardens. These citizens are learning horticultural techniques enabling them to grow fresh, nutritious produce. FNNND citizens gain a sense of purpose, confidence and pride by providing their youth, Elders and neighbours with skills and techniques to grow their own food and food for social impact programs such as food banks, meals on wheels and school nutrition programs.

The First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun are excited to bring food sovereignty and sustainability to their Nation. The greenhouse is a place to gather, learn traditional values, plant and harvest as a community.



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## Champagne and Aishihik First Nations: Da Kų Cultural Centre Landscaping - South Side

The Da Kų Cultural Centre is a gathering place that recognizes and celebrates the cultural contributions and way of life of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) peoples. The centre is a teaching, curatorial and interpretive facility, providing programming directed to the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations peoples and the public.

To further enhance visitor and community experiences, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations was provided with funding in the amount of \$177,801 through the Community Development Fund to expand and develop the outdoor space on the south side of the Da Kų Cultural Centre. The expansion provides appropriate space for visitors to experience cultural and language programming and events that will increase visitor and community awareness and knowledge of CAFN's territory, people and traditions.

The project enabled 12 local Dän Ts'änänän training program participants to develop new skills and gain landscaping experience.

**“The shared outdoor environment around the building gives the sense of a cohesive community of like-minded people who are adamant about the protection and enhancement of the environment around them. Everyone is loving the big open space for the kids to run around. Great improvement for the facility.”**

- Jeff Hunter, Capital Projects Manager

# Community Development Fund Approvals 2020-2021

Community	Organization	Project Name	Amount approved
Beaver Creek	White River First Nation	Website Development	\$13,500
Burwash Landing	Kluane First Nation	Nan Na Je Water and Septic System	\$78,225
Carmacks	Village of Carmacks	Carmacks Telegraph Office Repair	\$20,000
Dawson	Dawson City Arts Society	KIAC Building Dënäkär Zho Renovations	\$75,000
	City of Dawson	Dredge Pond Park	\$75,000
	Klondike Active Transport and Trails Society	Moose Mountain Cross-Country Ski Trails - Trail Maintenance	\$15,100
	Yukon Agricultural Association	Klondike Meat Production Infrastructure Project	\$18,525
	Yukon University - Dawson Community Campus	Event Planning for Recreation, Culture and Leisure	\$17,583
	Dawson City Music Festival Association	Community Recording Studio and Jam Space	\$73,195
	Dawson City Music Festival Association	Financial Planning and Business Model Creation	\$16,725
	Industrial Arts and Technology Society of Yukon	Dawson Makerspace Pilot	\$38,210
Faro	Town of Faro	Faro Recreation Centre's Weight Room Upgrade	\$6,797
Haines Junction	Champagne and Aishihik First Nations	Da Kų Cultural Centre Landscaping - South Side	\$200,000
Mayo	Village of Mayo	Binet House Museum Exterior Upgrades	\$75,000
	First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun	Community Gardens Building Upgrade	\$51,856
	Silver Trail Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Association	The Silver Lining - Marketing	\$20,000
	First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun	Greenhouse Renovation	\$66,688
Old Crow	Old Crow Development Corporation	Timber Harvesting Pilot Project	\$20,000
Pelly Crossing	Selkirk Development Corporation Ltd.	Selkirk Centre Expansion Feasibility Study	\$20,000

Community	Organization	Project Name	Amount approved
Teslin	Teslin Historical and Museum Society	Museum Lighting Upgrade	\$41,376
	Teslin Historical and Museum Society	Community Engagement and Partnership Project	\$14,000
Watson Lake	Help and Hope For Families Society	Yard Upgrades and Serenity Garden	\$201,259
	Liard First Nation	Cultural Centre - Functional Space Planning	\$40,837
	Town of Watson Lake	Single-Track Trail Upgrades	\$14,979
Whitehorse	Yukon Broomball Association	Fabric Roof Replacement and Light Replacement	\$167,519
	Royal Canadian Legion Whitehorse Branch 254	Legion Renovations	\$129,537
	The Heart of Riverdale Community Centre	Music Room Facility Development at the Heart of Riverdale	\$101,878
	Yukon Transportation Museum Society	Museum Grade Exhibit Lighting	\$242,090
	Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Society	Update Marketing Strategy	\$16,224
	Whitehorse Glacier Bears Swim Club	Starting Block Installation	\$52,300
	Porter Creek Community Association	Steel Stairway Feasibility Study and Conceptual Designs	\$24,120
	La Société des Immeubles Franco-yukonnais	Renovations	\$26,335
	Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre	Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre Renovations	\$21,201
	Yukon Freestyle Ski Association	Airbag Jump Site Leveling	\$47,047
	Spruce Hill Community Association	Spruce Hill Rink Paving	\$17,601
	Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Society	Business Planning and Financial Stability Research	\$17,475
	Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition	Growing Community Through Backyard Gardens	\$15,997
	Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition	Communications Strategy and Community Capacity Building	\$19,375
	Yukon Harpists Society	Pedal Harp Feasibility	\$3,240
	Golden Age Society	Security and Facility Upgrades to Golden Age Society	\$8,612
	Friends of Mount Sima Society	Outdoor Venue Development	\$15,222
	Northern Lights School of Dance Society	Dance Studio Expansion - Study	\$17,987
	Larrikin Entertainment Ensemble	Strategic, Governance, Marketing and First Nation Relations Plan	\$50,331
Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce	Planter Box Program - Restoration	\$19,436	
Yukon Conservation Society	Board Governance and 2021-25 Strategic Plan	\$15,796	

Community	Organization	Project Name	Amount approved
	Association franco-yukonnaise	Archive Issues of L'Aurore Boréale - Phase 1	\$20,000
	Hidden Histories Society Yukon	Hidden Histories Website Update	\$3,746
	Pioneer Women of the Yukon, Whitehorse Lodge No. Two Society	Interactive Biographies on 50 Yukon Women Trailblazers	\$18,000
	Yukon Chapter - Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society	Digitizing of CPAWS Yukon's Archives	\$19,840
	Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Society	WATL Compliant Mobile Rendezvous Axe Throwing Target	\$14,393
	Borealis Soulful Urban Dance Theatre Alliance	Borealis Soul Strategic Plan 2021-2025	\$14,674
	Yukon Public Legal Education Association	Policies and Procedures Manual	\$16,605
	Volunteer Bénévoles Yukon Society	Yukon NGO Virtual and Physical Hub Business Plan	\$66,000
	Kwanlin Dün Cultural Society	KDCC Social Broadcasting and Audio Video Expansion	\$48,932
	Society For the Promotion of Skills Canada: Yukon	Research Campaign	\$17,897
	Whitehorse United Football Club	WUFC Soccer Camps Programming	\$8,314
	Yukon Canoe and Kayak Club	YCKC Yukon River Storage	\$11,476
	Guild Society	Upgrades to Modern Lighting and Sound Systems	\$9,779
<b>Yukon Wide</b>	Yukon First Nation Chamber of Commerce	Inter-Community Transportation Feasibility Study	\$89,685
	Humane Society Yukon	Business and Strategic Planning	\$49,169
	Whitehorse Firefighters Charitable Society	Sustainability Plan	\$25,519
	Yukon Aboriginal Women's Council	Pre-employment to Leadership Training	\$45,900
	Centre for Human-Wildlife Conflict Solutions	Website Upgrades	\$2,009
	Athletics Yukon	Strategic Planning	\$5,000
	Sport Yukon	Sport Tourism Photo and Video Project	\$17,000
	Autism Yukon	PEERS Groups	\$19,679

# Funding statistics

The following section provides a detailed breakdown of how the Community Development Fund money was spent over the 2020–2021 fiscal year.

## Number of applications received compared to applications approved

For the period April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021, the Community Development Fund program received 101 applications. As outlined in the chart below, 14 applications were withdrawn, which left 87 to be processed. Of these 87 applications, 66 were approved and 21 were denied. This represents an average approval rate of 76 per cent.

Figure 1: Number of applications received compared to applications approved

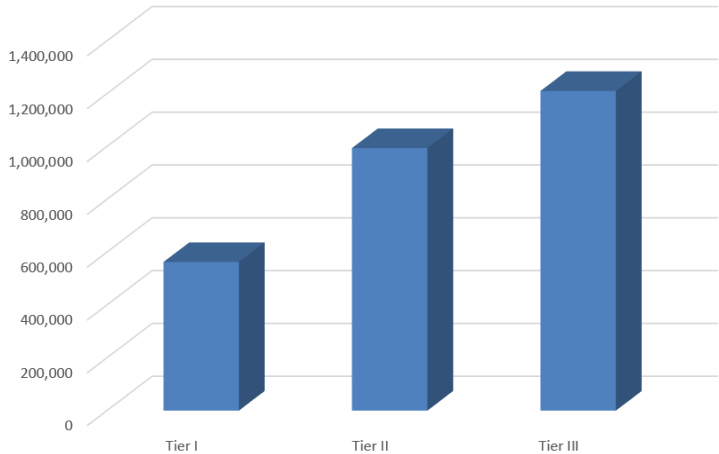
Community Development Fund 2020-21 Fiscal Year Data	Number of Applications Received			Number of Applications Approved			% Funded
	Total Received	Withdrawn	Total Processed	Fully Funded	Partially Funded	Total Funded	Approval Rate
Tier I	50	6	44	37	1	38	86%
Tier II	40	7	33	19	1	20	61%
Tier III	11	1	10	8	0	8	80%
<b>Total (all tiers)</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>76%</b>

## Distribution of dollars by tier

The Community Development Fund approved \$2,766,795 for projects in the fiscal year April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021. 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:** 38 approved projects = \$562,586
- Tier II:** 20 approved projects = \$994,016
- Tier III:** 8 approved projects = \$1,210,193
- Total (all tiers):** \$2,766,795

Figure 2: Approvals by tier



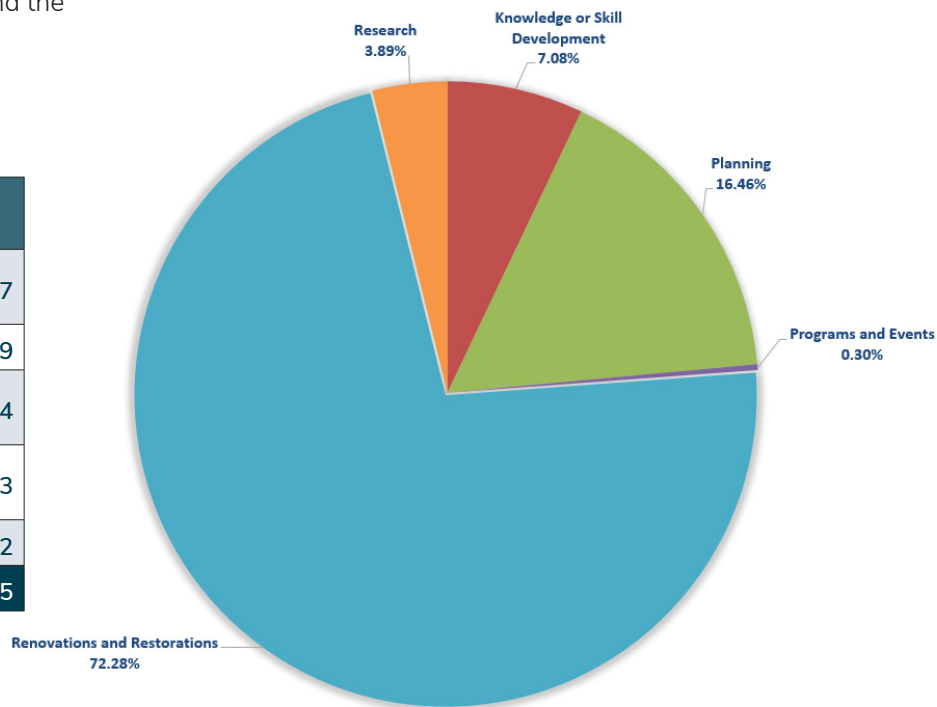
## Distribution of dollars by project category

All projects are assigned to specific categories. The information below reflects the number of projects approved in each category for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and the distributional breakdown of dollars.

Figure 3: Dollars approved by category

Category	No. of Projects	Amount Approved
Knowledge or Skill Development	8	\$195,817
Planning	18	\$455,369
Programs and Events	1	\$8,314
Renovations and Restorations	37	\$1,999,713
Research	2	\$107,582
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>\$2,766,795</b>

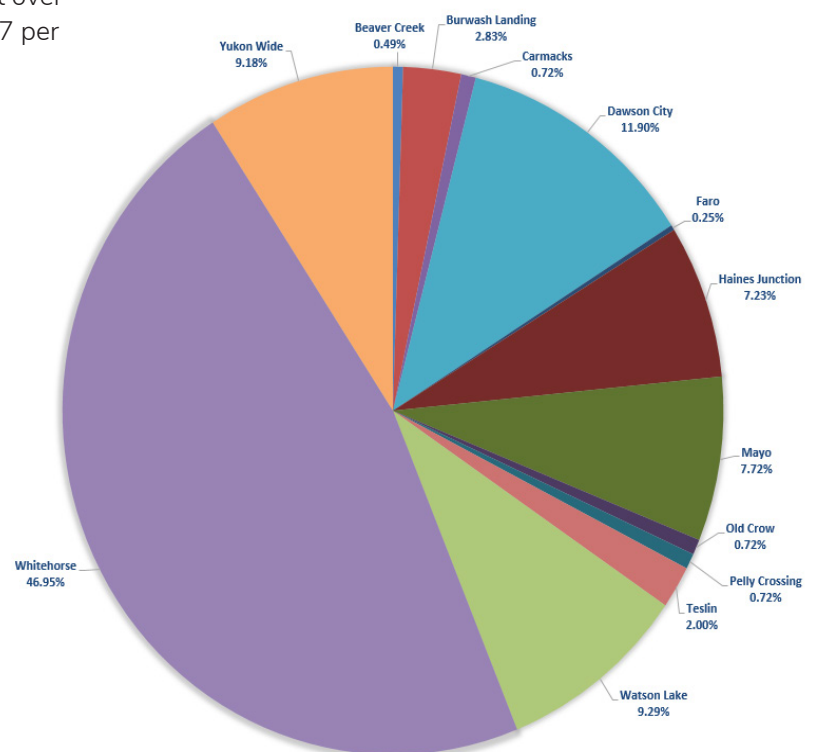
Figure 4: Percentage of funding approved by category



## Distribution of dollars by community

For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the communities receiving the most dollars were Whitehorse at over 46 per cent, Dawson City at over 11 per cent and Watson Lake at over 9 per cent. When comparing, Whitehorse received 47 per cent and rural Yukon received 53 per cent of funding.

Figure 5: Percentage of funding approved by community



Community	Total amount for all tiers
Beaver Creek	\$13,500
Burwash Landing	\$78,225
Carmacks	\$20,000
Dawson City	\$329,338
Faro	\$6,797
Haines Junction	\$200,000
Mayo	\$213,544
Old Crow	\$20,000
Pelly Crossing	\$20,000
Teslin	\$55,376
Watson Lake	\$257,075
Whitehorse	\$1,298,979
Yukon Wide	\$253,961
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,766,795</b>

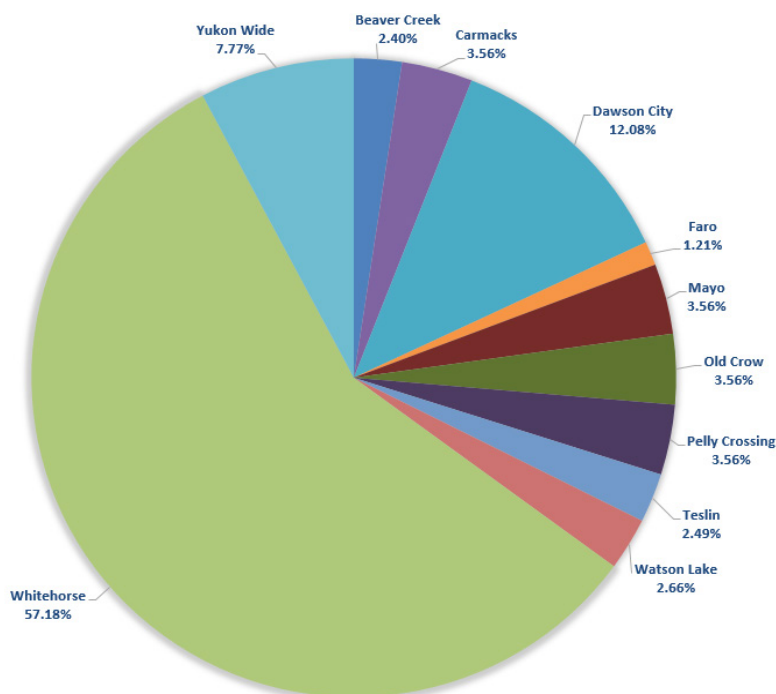
## Distribution of dollars by community per tier

### 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 Dawson City at just over 12 per cent, and Yukon Wide at nearly 8 per cent.

Community	Amount
Beaver Creek	\$13,500
Carmacks	\$20,000
Dawson City	\$67,933
Faro	\$6,797
Mayo	\$20,000
Old Crow	\$20,000
Pelly Crossing	\$20,000
Teslin	\$14,000
Watson Lake	\$14,979
Whitehorse	\$321,689
Yukon Wide	\$43,688
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$562,586</b>

Figure 6: Tier I dollars approved by community in percentages

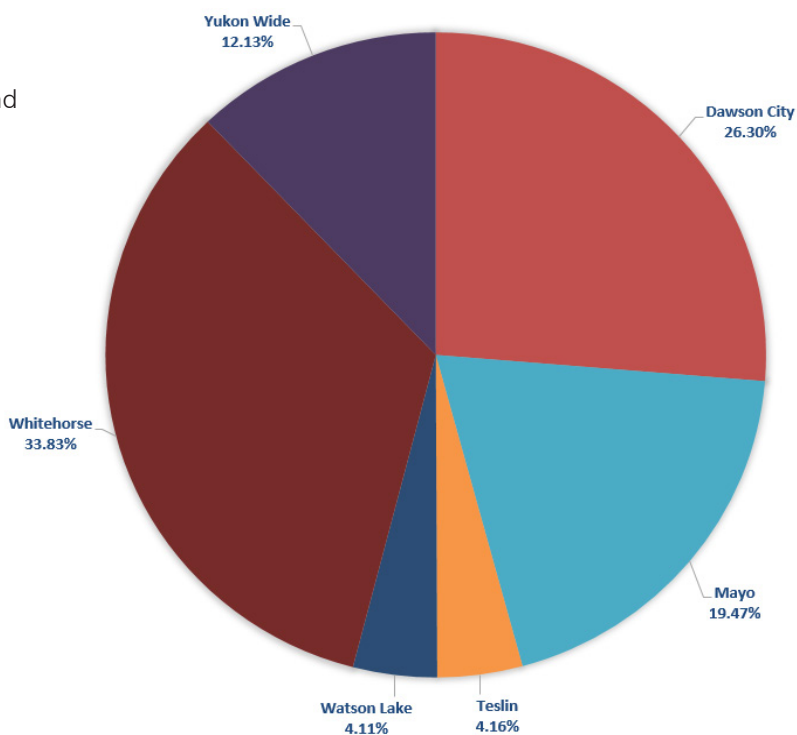


### Tier II dollars approved by community (funding requests from \$20,001 to \$75,000)

In Tier II, the highest percentage of funding went to Whitehorse at over 33 per cent followed by Dawson City, which received nearly 27 per cent and Mayo receiving over 19 per cent.

Community	Amount
Dawson City	\$261,405
Mayo	\$193,544
Teslin	\$41,376
Watson Lake	\$40,837
Whitehorse	\$336,266
Yukon Wide	\$120,588
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$994,016</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, just under 53 per cent of the funding was awarded to Whitehorse, with Watson Lake and Haines Junction receiving over 16 per cent each.

Community	Amount
Burwash	\$78,225
Haines Junction	\$200,000
Watson Lake	\$201,259
Whitehorse	\$641,024
Yukon Wide	\$89,685
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,210,193</b>

Figure 8: Tier III dollars approved by community in percentages

