



Community Development Fund

Annual Report



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Message from Premier Pillai

The Yukon's strong sense of community makes it a great place to live. In 2022–2023 sixty-five projects across the territory received funding to finish projects that would benefit our local communities.

I am pleased to share this report, which highlights all the amazing things Yukoners have accomplished with the help of the Community Development Fund.

Youth from the Selkirk First Nation, Ross River Dena Council, and Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation participated in hands-on reforestation and restoration training provided by the Na-cho Nyäk Dun Development Corporation. In Dawson, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation is increasing food security in their community through the purchase of structures to extend the growing season. Other projects include a new playground in Teslin, updating the riverfront boardwalk in Carmacks and expanding and upgrading Dawson's skate park. These are only a few of the recent initiatives that have enhanced the quality of life here in the Yukon, while also bringing about long-term, sustainable, economic, and social benefits.

Each of these projects were driven by passionate, energetic, and hardworking Yukoners who put in a great deal of work to create solutions tailored to the needs of people around them. They are the driving force behind these valuable initiatives. My hope is that the many success stories in this report will inspire Yukoners to continue to discover new and creative ways to benefit our communities. If you have an idea to make the Yukon a better place to live, I encourage you to contact our community development advisors to discuss how the Community Development Fund might help.

Ranj Pillai
Premier and 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.



Community Development Fund testimonials

The following four stories depict some of the community projects that were supported by the Community Development Fund during the 2022–2023 fiscal year.

Na-cho Nyäk Dun Development Corporation: Reforestation and Restoration Youth Training

Na-cho Nyäk Dun Development Corporation received \$17,599 from the Community Development Fund to provide hands-on reforestation and restoration training to youth from Selkirk First Nation, Ross River Dena Council, and Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation.

This project was a crucial first step in developing a skilled workforce in reclamation, revegetation, and reforestation for communities that are directly impacted by mining operations. This is a largely untapped sector of the economy in the Yukon. The skills, knowledge, and experience gained from this course provided immediate and future social, cultural, and economic benefits to the community. It incorporated traditional knowledge, allowed for ways to get people out on the land, and supported young citizens in accessing gainful employment near their community.



“The Reforestation and Restoration Youth Training provided an opportunity for youth from Selkirk First Nation, Ross River Dena Council, and Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation to gain hands-on experience in mine reclamation and revegetation. Participants learned tree-planting techniques and worked together to plant 5000 trees at the Minto Mine site. Yukon Seed & Restoration is grateful to CDF for providing funding to support this experiential training program, which fostered excitement and interest in mine reclamation and ecological restoration among youth from Yukon communities.”

- Tarah Pieau, Operations/Executive Assistant



Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation: Farm season extension and garden maintenance

Following a disruption to Dawson's food supply in 2012, the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation brought an old farm back to life to protect food security. In 2022, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in received \$63,801 to purchase structures for their farm to extend the growing season and support the growth of cold sensitive crops. The project served as a way to teach and transfer knowledge to youth workers. This project will allow Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in to expand food production on their farm for years to come, ultimately increasing food security within a rural community.





Friends of Mount Sima Society: Mt. Sima Snowmaking Energy Reduction Project

The Friends of Mount Sima Society is a vital winter recreational facility in the community of Whitehorse, providing a space for healthy activity during the darkest months of the year. In the pursuit to lower their carbon emissions, the society received \$170,069 to purchase and install more environmentally-friendly equipment. The equipment not only reduces emissions, but increases the snowmaking capacity and efficiency of the club's operations.



Photos provided by
Friends of Mt. Sima

Yukon Circus Society: Aerial Suspension Training

For the past eleven years, Yukon Circus Society has been delivering circus arts education to communities throughout the Yukon. Last year, the society received \$17,095 from the Community Development Fund to hire a contractor to train artists in aerial suspension tricks. The training was done in conjunction with preparation for the society's show, Dogtown, where the new skills were showcased to an audience for the first time. Allowing room for Yukon's arts sector to continually develop and expand is an important part of our community and helps to keep youth and adults engaged in theatre. This project benefits artists by teaching new skills, as well as improving the quality of performance for the general public.



The Yukon Circus Society is very grateful to have the opportunity to provide aerial suspension and fly operator training to our members as part of our upcoming production of Dogtown: the Musical. This new skill development will help give us the capacity to offer more aerial suspension elements in our productions for years to come.



- Claire Ness, Yukon Circus Society Artistic Director



Community Development Fund approvals 2022–2023

Community	Organization	Project title	Amount approved
Burwash Landing	Kluane Community Development Limited Partnership	Kluane Energy Cafe & Store Expansion Project	\$22,313
Carmacks	Village of Carmacks	Carmacks Boardwalk Extension & Revitalization Phase One	\$75,000
	Village of Carmacks	Fitness Center Lifecycle Replacement	\$75,000
	Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation	Carmacks Arena Grand Opening	\$20,000
Dawson	Dawson Community Library	Berton House Renovation and Retrofit	\$137,618
	City of Dawson	Minto Skatepark Rehabilitation	\$152,616
	City of Dawson	Community Garden Revitalization	\$20,000
	Dawson Society for Children and Families	Dawson City Childcare Hub Design	\$75,000
	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation	Farm season extension and garden maintenance	\$63,801
	Saint Mary's Church	St. Mary's Energy Upgrades	\$20,000
	Dawson City Arts Society	Dënäkär Zho Renovation Engagement and Design	\$26,113
	Industrial Arts and Technology Society of Yukon	Sustainability Planning	\$20,000
	Humane Society Dawson	Shelter Safety Upgrades	\$13,984

Community	Organization	Project title	Amount approved
Faro	Town of Faro	Dena Cho Trail & Swim Lake Trail Improvements	\$73,500
Haines Junction	Church of St. Christopher	Step It Up - Safely	\$13,459
	Haines Junction Community Association	Haines Junction Markets	\$8,542
Mayo	Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Development Corporation	Youth Future in Action JV Clark Skateboard Project	\$75,000
	Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Development Corporation	Reforestation and Restoration Youth Training	\$17,599
	First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun	Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Outdoor Rink Initiative	\$11,623
Pelly Crossing	Selkirk First Nation	Selkirk First Nation Accessible Community Boardwalk	\$75,000
	Selkirk First Nation	SFN Community Trail Research & Planning Project (Phase 1)	\$18,400
Ross River	Dena Nezziddi Development Corporation	Gu Dena Dega Healing Camp	\$14,040
Teslin	Village of Teslin	Teslin Sawmill Subdivision Playground	\$202,599
	Teslin Historical & Museums Society	George Johnston Museum Propane Heating Retrofit	\$11,945
Watson Lake	Town of Watson Lake	Lucky Lake Dock Replacement	\$16,042
	Town of Watson Lake	Northern Lights Centre Upgrades	\$150,000

Community	Organization	Project title	Amount approved
Watson Lake	Town of Watson Lake	Northern Lights Centre Assessment and Sustainability Plan	\$100,000
	Liard First Nation	Restoration of the Upper Liard Cemetery	\$20,000
Whitehorse	Guru Nanak Sikh Organization of Yukon	Renovations & Restorations	\$165,000
	Friends of Mount Sima Society	Mt. Sima Snowmaking Energy Reduction Project	\$170,069
	The Yukon NGO HUB Society	The Launch Phase of the Virtual NGO HUB	\$89,920
	Blackwell Park Foundation	Boards/Basketball Hoop/Kiosk & Paving	\$79,778
	Yukon Arts Centre Corporation	Feasibility Study - Studio Theatre Renovation	\$93,500
	Yukon Transportation Museum Society	Experiential History & Culture Based XR Development	\$75,000
	Whitehorse United Church	Heating & Ventilating (HVAC) Energy Upgrade	\$75,000
	Sacred Heart Parish	Basement Insulation Upgrade	\$75,000
	Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition	Voices Influencing Change Mentorship Training	\$45,900
	La Société Des Immeubles Franco-Yukonnais	Modernization of the Community Room	\$16,222
	Yukon Circus Society	Aerial Suspension Training	\$17,095
	Snowboard Yukon Association	Banked Slalom Course	\$12,335
	Inclusion Yukon Society	Re-flooring the Community Space	\$19,366
	Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon	Purchase new Japanese Traditional Drums	\$7,425

Community	Organization	Project title	Amount approved
Whitehorse	Klondike Snowmobile Association	Utility Snowmobile Replacement	\$20,100
	Music Yukon	Music Yukon's Musician & Technician Training Program	\$21,035
	Biathlon Yukon	Business Plan Development	\$20,700
	Yukon Theatre for Young People Society	Be Heard Yukon	\$62,802
	Mountain View Golf Club	Mountain View Golf Club Governance Model	\$22,193
	Hillcrest Community Association	Hillcrest Rink Fencing Project	\$10,281
	Les EssentiElles	Life After The Pandemic Retreat	\$14,236
	Yukon Pickleball Association	Strategic Plan Development	\$3,500
	North Klondike Community Association	Grizzly Valley-North Community Sign Board	\$4,200
	Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Yukon	Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring through Music	\$18,851
	Association franco-yukonnaise	Programming of community & Youth activities for Francophone community in Yukon	\$2,790
	Youth of Today Society	2023 Yukon Youth Summit-hybrid in-person and virtual	\$20,000
	Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition	YAPC Backyard Garden	\$15,280
	Yukon Trappers Association	2023 Fur Extravaganza	\$6,077
	Cycling Association of Yukon	Canadian Cross Country Marathon Mountain Bike Championships - Event Coordinator	\$20,000
Whitehorse Rural	Lorne Mountain Community Association	Wilderness golf course repairs and upgrades	\$101,240

Community	Organization	Project title	Amount approved
Whitehorse Rural	Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society	PRP processing equipment	\$9,591
	Mendenhall Community Association	Mendenhall playground regeneration	\$19,242
Yukon Wide	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

All approved projects are reflected in the table above, whether or not the project proceeds. Recipients have the ability to decline or return funding.

Funding statistics

The following section provides a detailed breakdown of how the CDF money was spent over the 2022–2023 fiscal year.

Number of applications received compared to applications approved

For the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, the Community Development Fund program received 94 applications. As outlined in the chart below, 9 applications were withdrawn which left 85 to be processed. Of these 85 applications, 65 were approved and 20 were not supported. This represents an average approval rate of 76 per cent.

Figure 1: Application approval rates by tier

Tier	Number of applications received			Number of applications approved			Approval rate
	Total received	Withdrawn	Total processed	Fully funded	Partially funded	Total funded	
Tier 1	46	5	41	25	7	32	78%
Tier 2	37	2	35	23	1	24	69%
Tier 3	11	2	9	7	2	9	100%
Total	94	9	85	55	10	65	76%

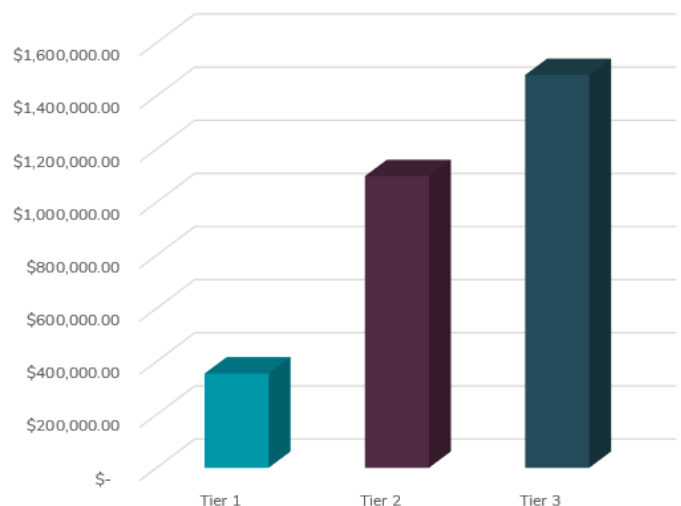
Distribution of dollars by tier

The Community Development Fund approved \$3,200,369 for projects in the fiscal year April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023. 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	32	\$456,017
Tier 2	24	\$1,316,719
Tier 3	9	\$1,427,633
Total	65	\$3,200,369

Figure 3: Amount approved by tier



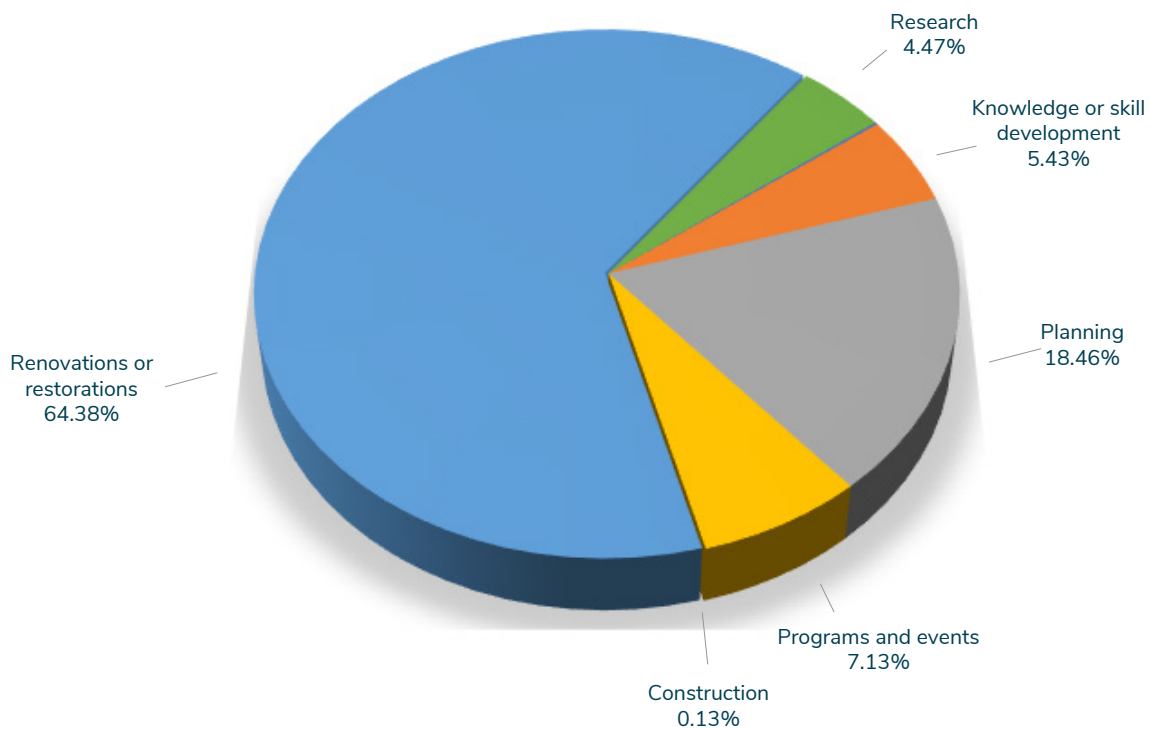
Distribution of dollars by project category

All projects are assigned to specific categories. The information below reflects the number of projects approved in each category for the 2022–2023 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
Construction	1	\$4,200	0.13%
Knowledge or skill development	6	\$173,664	5.43%
Planning	11	\$590,926	18.46%
Programs and events	11	\$228,095	7.13%
Renovations or restorations	32	\$2,060,494	64.38%
Research	4	\$142,990	4.47%

Figure 5: Dollars approved by category



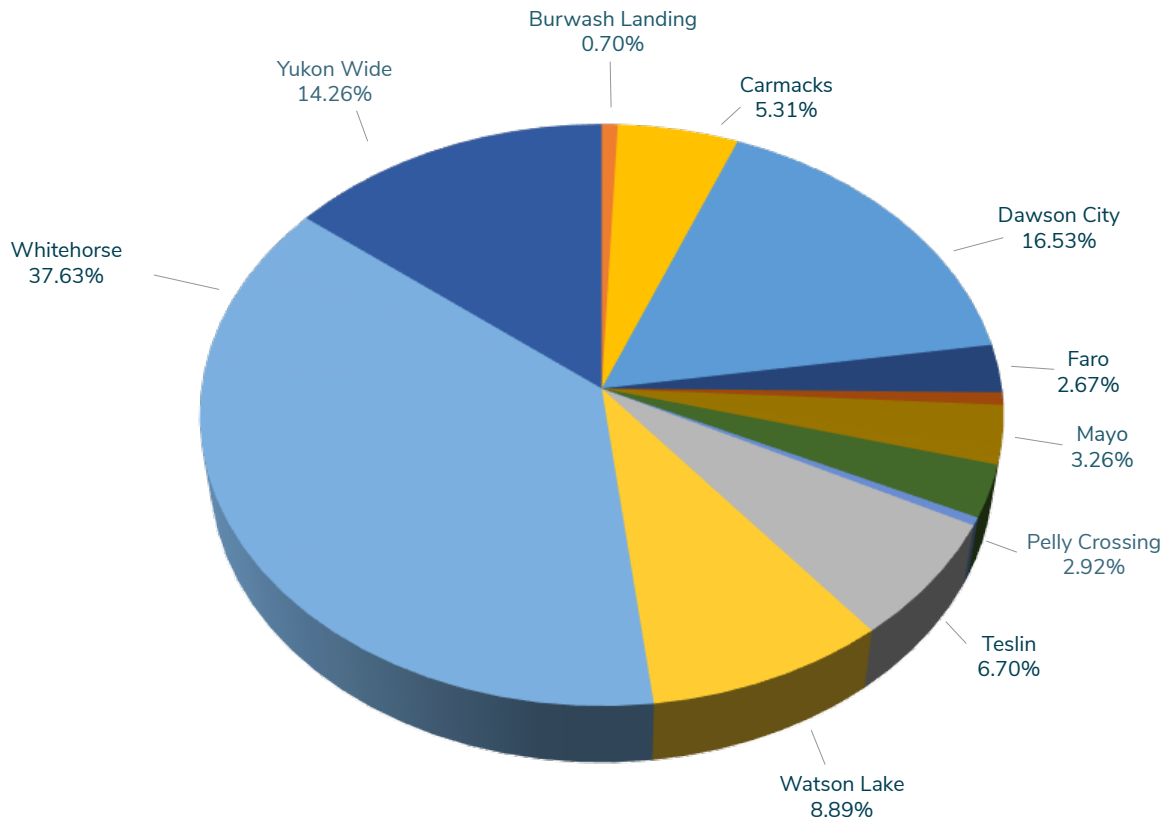
Distribution of dollars by community

For the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the communities receiving the most dollars were Whitehorse at just under 38 per cent, followed by Dawson City at 16.5 per cent and then Yukon Wide with just over 14 per cent. When comparing, Whitehorse received 38 percent and rural Yukon received 62 per cent of funding.

Figure 6: Distribution of dollars by community

Community	Total amount for all tiers
Burwash Landing	\$22,313
Carmacks	\$170,000
Dawson City	\$529,132
Faro	\$85,500
Haines Junction	\$22,001
Mayo	\$104,222
Pelly Crossing	\$93,400
Ross River	\$14,040
Teslin	\$214,544
Watson Lake	\$284,496
Whitehorse	\$1,204,367
Yukon Wide	\$456,354
Total	\$3,200,369

Figure 7: Funding by community for all tiers



Distribution of dollars by community per tier

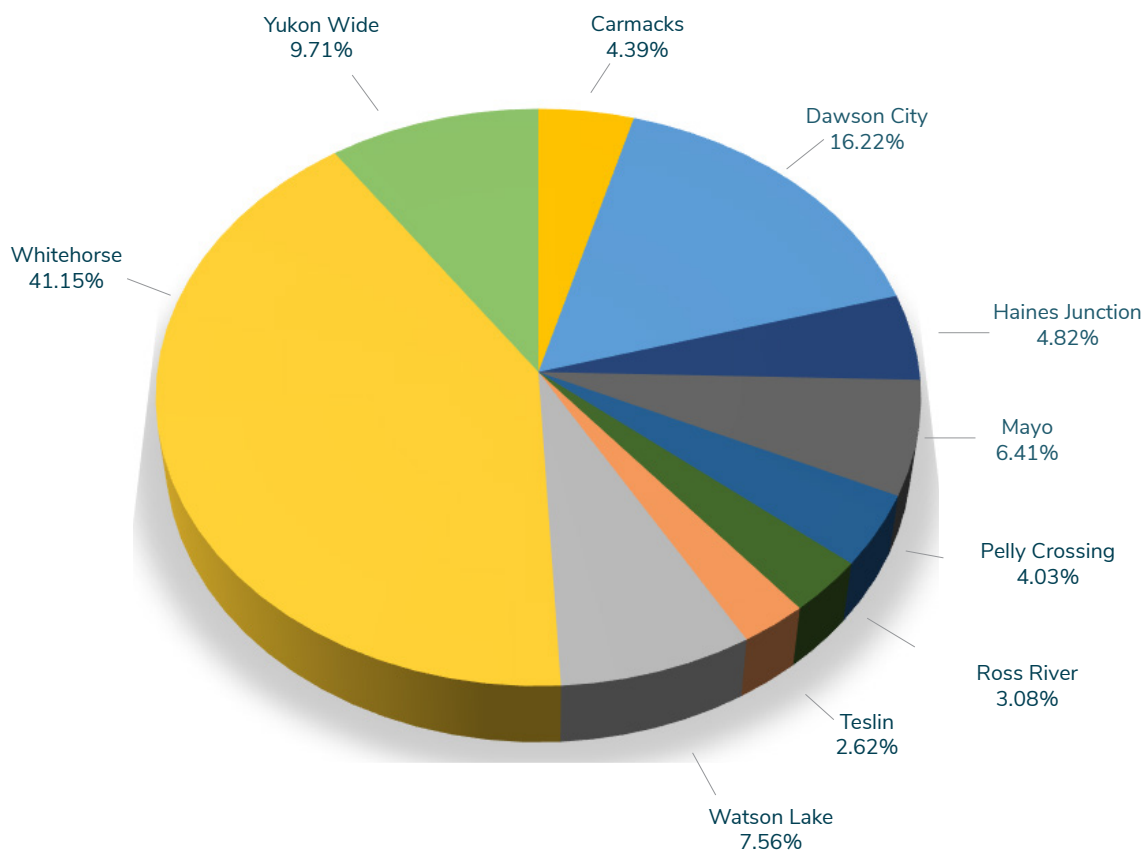
Tier 1 dollars approved by community (funding requests up to \$20,000)

In Tier 1, the communities receiving the most dollars were Whitehorse at over 41 per cent, followed by Dawson City at just over 16 per cent, and Yukon Wide at just under 10 per cent.

Figure 8: Distribution of dollars by community for Tier 1

Community	Approved funding
Carmacks	\$20,000
Dawson City	\$73,984
Haines Junction	\$22,001
Mayo	\$29,222
Pelly Crossing	\$18,400
Ross River	\$14,040
Teslin	\$11,945
Watson Lake	\$34,496
Whitehorse	\$187,658
Yukon Wide	\$44,271
Total	\$456,017

Figure 9: Funding by community for Tier 1 projects



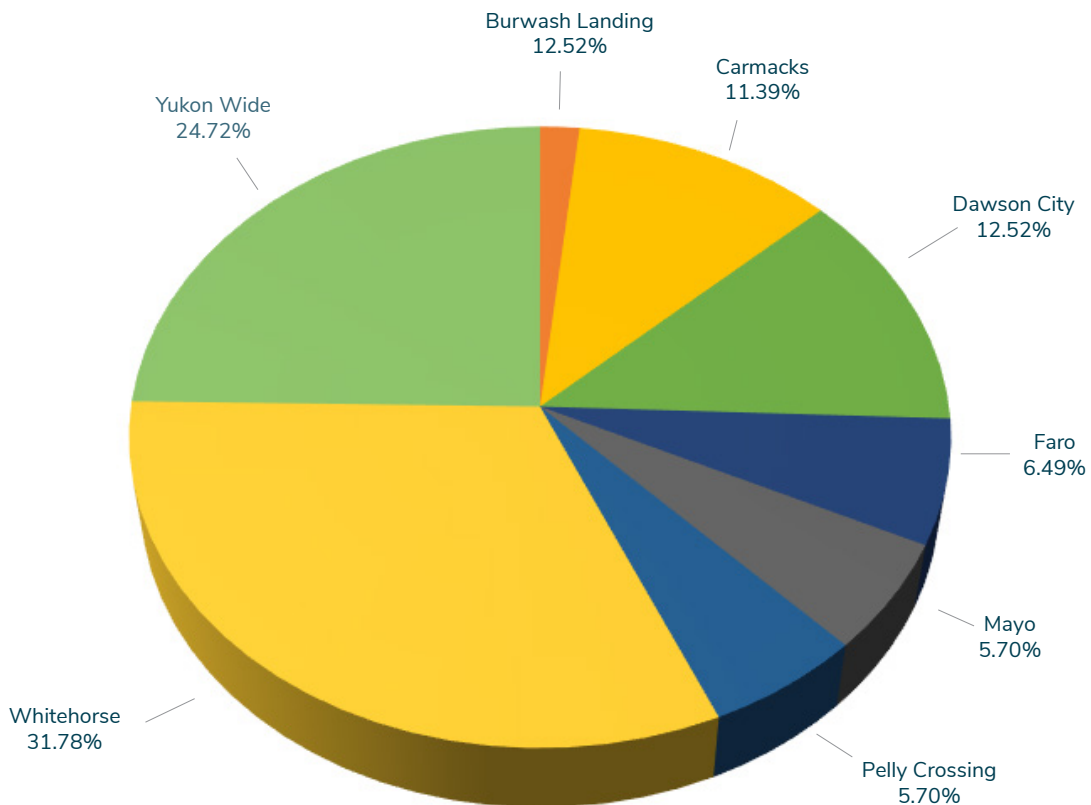
Tier 2 dollars approved by community (funding requests from \$20,001 to \$75,000)

In Tier 2, the highest percentage of funding went to Whitehorse at just under 32 per cent followed by Yukon Wide which received nearly 25 per cent and Dawson City receiving over 12 per cent.

Figure 10: Distribution of dollars by community for Tier 2

Community	Approved funding
Burwash	\$22,313
Carmacks	\$150,000
Dawson City	\$164,914
Faro	\$85,500
Mayo	\$75,000
Pelly Crossing	\$75,000
Whitehorse	\$418,442
Yukon Wide	\$325,550
Total	\$1,316,719

Figure 11: Funding by community for Tier 2 projects



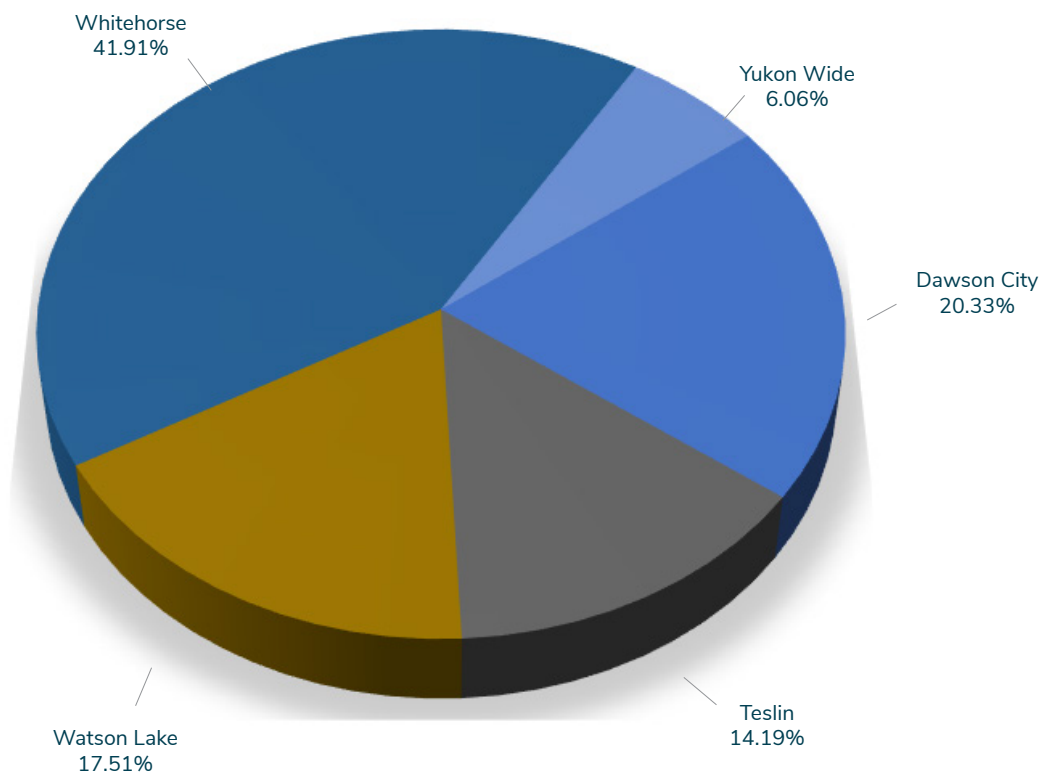
Tier 3 dollars approved by community (funding requests over \$75,000)

In Tier 3, just under 42 per cent of the funding was awarded to Whitehorse, with Dawson City receiving over 20 per cent and Watson Lake receiving just over 17 per cent.

Figure 12: Distribution of dollars by community for Tier 3

Community	Approved funding
Dawson City	\$290,234
Teslin	\$202,599
Watson Lake	\$250,000
Whitehorse	\$598,267
Yukon Wide	\$86,533
Total	\$1,427,633

Figure 13: Funding by community for Tier 3 projects






Yukon