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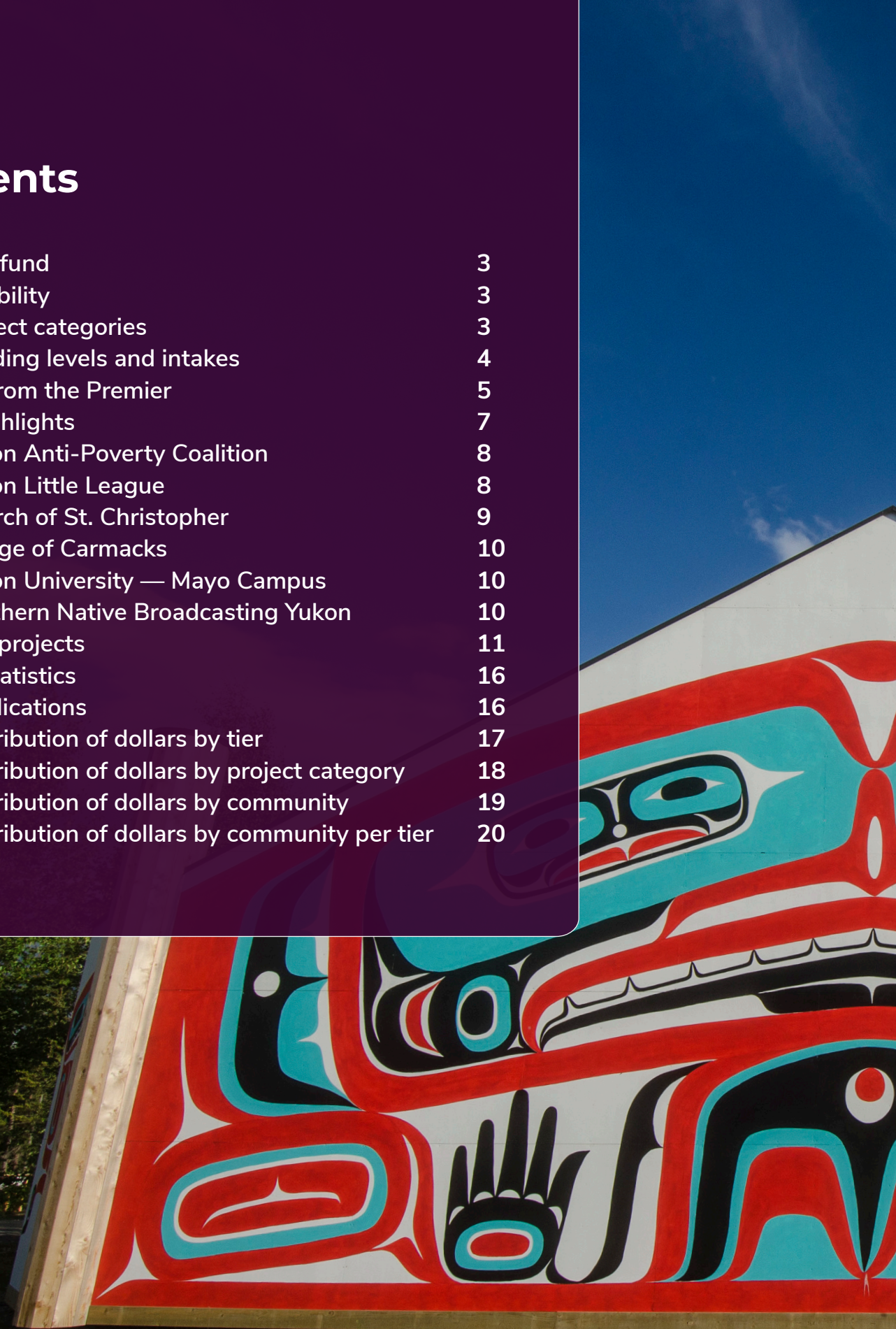
**Community  
Development  
Fund**

Annual Report



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# About the fund

The Community Development Fund supports projects, events and initiatives that contribute to the Yukon's cultural, economic and social development.

These projects:

- » 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.

## Project categories

Applicants can receive funding for:

- » new construction projects;
- » renovations, restorations and other physical improvements to buildings or lands;
- » knowledge or skill development;
- » research and planning; and
- » programs and events.

## Funding levels and intakes

The Community Development Fund is structured into three tiers corresponding to different levels of funding. There are various application intake dates throughout the year for each tier.

Funding is available for up to 90% of the total project or event costs.

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Funding levels		
Up to \$20,000	\$20,001 to \$75,000	Over \$75,000
Application intakes		
January May July October	April September	January



## Message from the Premier

On behalf of the Government of Yukon's Department of Economic Development, I am proud to present the Community Development Fund 2023-24 annual report. Documented here are the many great initiatives supported by the fund this year, led by organizations from across the territory.

The 66 projects approved this fiscal year include a government contribution of over 3 million dollars, awarded across 12 communities. Highlighted projects contained in this report include initiatives from the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition, Yukon Little League, Church of St. Christopher, Village of Carmacks, Yukon University and Northern Native Broadcasting Yukon. These are only a few examples of the great work supported by the Community Development Fund.

At the Department of Economic Development, we aim to build up and diversify the Yukon economy through our programming. While our staff bring their expertise and ideas, it is important to turn to Yukoners to determine their unique needs. The Community Development Fund is ultimately a resource, made valuable by those who utilize it for the good of their neighbours. By offering the fund we are empowering Yukoners to see their goals through, helping to address the unique needs of their region.

It is excellent to see all the creative ways that the fund was used this year to improve the lives of people and diversify our economy.

If you have an idea that could benefit from financial support, I encourage you to look into the fund and explore the resources offered by the Government of Yukon. If you have questions about applying for funding for your community project, email [cdf@yukon.ca](mailto:cdf@yukon.ca) or phone 867-667-8125; phone toll free in Yukon 1-800-661-0408, extension 8125.

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Ranj Pillai  
Premier and Minister of Economic Development  
Government of Yukon



**66**

projects funded



projects  
funded in

**12**

Yukon communities

**54%**

of funding went to  
projects based outside of  
Whitehorse



Whitehorse Disc Golf Association received funding to upgrade the disc golf course at Mount McIntyre. Photo provided by Whitehorse Disc Golf Association.

# Project highlights

The following profiles depict some of the community projects that were supported by the Community Development Fund during the 2023–2024 fiscal year.

## Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition

Amount approved: \$9,933

The Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition received funding to redesign the organization's website and complete a social media consultation. This project aimed to make content more easily accessible and to expand to other social media platforms for more effective delivery of services.

“ Support from the CDF for our website redesign and social media strategy will help ensure that people with lived experience of poverty, front line organizations, researchers and volunteers have access to up to date and mobile friendly information about resources and research available in the Yukon. We look forward to highlighting a variety of stories about work being done across the territory including though Voices Influencing Change, Whitehorse Connects, the Community Garden Project, Reaching Home and ARCH (Action Research on Chronic Homelessness). ”

- Keitha Clark, Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition

## Yukon Little League

Amount approved: \$27,319

Yukon Little League received support to purchase equipment to facilitate the creation of a Yukon-wide baseball little league chapter. The chapter will travel to communities throughout the Yukon to host a skills baseball clinic and generate interest in the sport. This project provides an additional recreational activity for youth to participate in.

“ We are thrilled to receive funding from the Community Development Fund in order to establish the Yukon's first official Little League chapter. We are a non-profit MLB style baseball league for youth aged 11 to 17. This funding will help us provide high quality training equipment for our teams and will allow us to purchase all the necessary equipment to keep our kids protected as they play. The kids are excited and so are we! We are very grateful for the opportunity this funding provided. ”

- Sara Skelton, Yukon Little League



Photo provided by Church of St. Christopher

## Church of St. Christopher

Amount approved: \$23,905

The original steps at the front entrance of the Church of St. Christopher in Haines Junction were built from local logs when the building was completed in 1991. Over the years, many of the posts, stringers, stairs, and decking rotted, rendering the stairs unsafe.

With support from the Community Development Fund, the church hired a local contractor to dismantle the existing stair structure as well as construct and install new stairs and a decking system at the front entrance of the building. This project also included refurbishing existing signage and updating landscaping to address drainage issues.

As the building is the host venue for multiple user groups and events, the safe entry allows for continued community involvement. The refurbished and new signage helps to enhance the visitor experience.

“ From the annual Community Christmas Carol Service to the Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival, St. Christopher’s Anglican Church in Haines Junction opens its doors many times a year to local residents and visitors to the community. With the critical assistance of the CDF and other partners, St. Christopher’s has improved the original design of the stairs and constructed new ones that will last many years into the future. ”

- Mark Ritchie, Church of St. Christopher

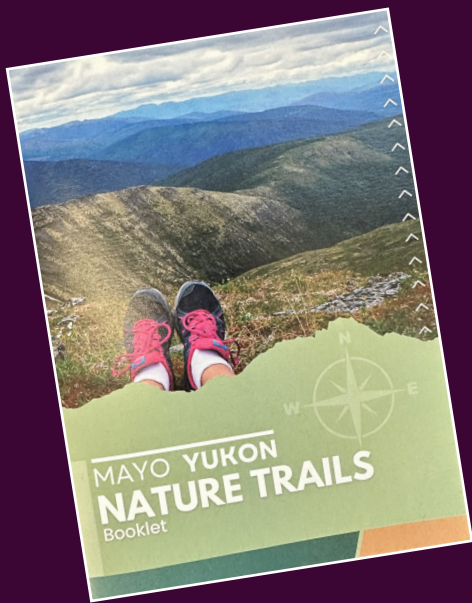
## Village of Carmacks

Amount approved: \$12,240

To complement the recently built arena in the recreation centre, the Village of Carmacks identified the need for an ice edger. With support from the Community Development Fund, this newly purchased machine tapers the ice surface along the board edges and increases the life cycle of the ice by approximately 25%. This project allows for the longevity of the ice rink, adding to the overall wellness of community members.



Photo provided by Village of Carmacks



## Yukon University – Mayo Campus

Amount approved: \$9,437

Although Mayo has a vast trail system, the majority of the trails were known through local knowledge only. As part of the Mayo Nature Trails project, the Community Development Fund provided support to brush trails, install plaques and create directional signage. This project promotes active living while helping new residents explore the region.

## Northern Native Broadcasting Yukon

Amount approved: \$69,488

Northern Native Broadcasting Yukon (CHON-FM) broadcasts to all Yukon communities. The station provides not only music, news and community events, but also Yukon First Nations cultural programming. With support from the Community Development Fund, the society replaced aging on-air equipment in the main studio, newsroom and production studio. This project allows for the future expansion of services and opportunities offered at CHON-FM.



# Approved projects

Organization	Project name	Category	Funding amount
Burwash Landing			
Kluane Community Development Limited Partnership	Dalan Campground Revitalization	Renovations or restorations	\$60,620
Kluane Energy Limited Partnership	Kluane Energy Cafe and Store Foundation Upgrade	Renovations or restorations	\$47,485
Carmacks			
Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation	Ballfield Upgrade and Playground Installation	New construction	\$102,000
Village of Carmacks	Ice Maintenance Equipment Ice Edger	Renovations or restorations	\$12,240
Village of Carmacks	VOC Aquatic Center Assessment	Renovations or restorations	\$7,117
Village of Carmacks	24-hour Fitness Center Access, CCTV Upgrades	Renovations or restorations	\$40,000
Dawson City			
Association of Yukon Communities	2024 Multi-Day Conference in Dawson City	Programs and events	\$20,000
Humane Society Dawson	Dawson Animal Shelter Consultation	Knowledge or skill development	\$20,000
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Government	25th Self-Government Anniversary Celebration	Programs and events	\$75,000
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Government	C4 Playground Area	New construction	\$20,000
Faro			
Town of Faro	Animal Shelter	New construction	\$54,000

Organization	Project name	Category	Funding amount
Haines Junction			
Champagne Community Association	Shādhala Kų Community Center	Renovations or restorations	\$18,321
Champagne Community Association	Shādhala Kų Renovation Project	Renovations or restorations	\$57,469
Church of St. Christopher	Main Stairs Replacement Project	Renovations or restorations	\$23,905
Junction Arts and Music Society	Glacier Nights Snow Festival	Renovations or restorations	\$12,931
Junction Arts and Music Society	Website Redesign	Programs and events	\$6,573
Keno			
Keno Community Club	Mining the Miner	Renovations or restorations	\$9,697
Mayo			
First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun	Language Revitalization: Developing the Northern Tutchone Language App	Knowledge or skill development	\$164,000
Mayo Volunteer Fire Department Association	Greenspace Design and Bike Track Build	New construction	\$100,296
Yukon University	Mayo Nature Trail Upgrades	Renovations or restorations	\$9,437
Old Crow			
Fiddleheads Yukon Organization	Canadian Grand Masters Fiddle Competition and Pan Northern Fiddle Summit	Programs and events	\$105,646
Ross River			
Liard Aboriginal Women's Society	Revitalization of Ross River Grave Site	Renovations or restorations	\$20,000

Organization	Project name	Category	Funding amount
Teslin			
Teslin Historical and Museum Association	George Johnston Museum Roof Replacement	Renovations or restorations	\$250,000
Village of Teslin	Teslin Field of Dreams	Renovations or restorations	\$20,000
Watson Lake			
Liard First Nation	Dena Cho Trail Restoration	Renovations or restorations	\$161,500
Signpost Seniors	Building Roof Repairs and Maintenance	Renovations or restorations	\$275,000
Whitehorse			
Alpine Ski Association Yukon	Timing Equipment	Renovations or restorations	\$12,679
Athletics Yukon Association	Sunshine Shuffle Backyard Ultra	Programs and events	\$8,800
Biathlon Yukon	Trail Improvement Phase 1	Renovations or restorations	\$19,988
Biathlon Yukon	Trail Improvement Phase 2	Renovations or restorations	\$55,350
Boreal Adventure Running Association	Assessing and Mitigating Risks in the Yukon River Trail Marathon	Planning	\$13,375
BYTE — Empowering Youth Society	Leaders in Training (LIT) Gathering	Programs and events	\$18,850
CHON-FM Northern Native Broadcasting	CHON-FM Studio Broadcast Equipment Upgrade and Training	Renovations or restorations	\$69,488
Climb Yukon Association	Project Coordinator	Planning	\$15,744
Council of Yukon First Nations	CYFN Administration Feasibility Study	Planning	\$74,640
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Society of Yukon	FASSY Reintroduction Events	Programs and events	\$18,000

Organization	Project name	Category	Funding amount
Whitehorse (continued)			
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Society of Yukon	FASSY Strategic Plan 2024-2029	Research	\$16,205
Flatwater Paddling North Society	Dry-Land Training Project	Equipment/Capital Purchases	\$18,272
Food Action Hub Society	Harvest Wall Pilot Project	Programs and events	\$41,625
Friends of Mount Sima Society	Artists at Camp	Renovations or restorations	\$8,777
Friends of Mount Sima Society	Lost in Paradise-FIS Para Snowboard World Cup	Programs and events	\$30,000
Friends of Mount Sima Society	Phase 2 Snowmaking Efficiency Upgrade	Equipment/Capital Purchases	\$72,636
Kaushee's Place Housing Society	Kaushee's Place Upgrades	Renovations or restorations	\$250,000
Klondike Cruisers Association	Motorsport Park Scoping Study	Planning	\$18,000
Kluane Chilkat International Bike Relay	KCIBR Strategic Plan	Planning	\$27,675
Marsh Lake Community Society	Outdoor Recreational Upgrades	Renovations or restorations	\$28,350
Northern Cultural Expressions Society	Indigenous Cultural Training Centre Engagement, Design and Feasibility Study	Planning	\$53,100
Queer Yukon Society	Broadening the Circle on the Land	Programs and events	\$29,741
Safe at Home Society	Safe at Home Operational and Business Plan — Former High Country	Planning	\$20,000
Snowboard Yukon Association	Training and Event Equipment	New construction	\$33,844
Ta'an Kwäch'än Council	Fish Camp Upgrades	Renovations or restorations	\$110,000
Whitehorse Aboriginal Women's Circle	Finding Our Way	Programs and events	\$119,850

Organization	Project name	Category	Funding amount
Whitehorse (continued)			
Whitehorse Aboriginal Women's Circle	WAWC 20th Anniversary Community Gathering	Programs and events	\$14,580
Whitehorse Bike Kitchen Task Force	Whitehorse Community Bike Space Implementation 2024	Programs and events	\$14,698
Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club	Functional Plan for Ski Stadium and Outbuilding Consolidation	Planning	\$19,800
Whitehorse Disc Golf Association	Mt. McIntyre Disc Golf Course Upgrades	Renovations or restorations	\$13,329
Whitehorse Malayali Association	WMA Cultural Fest 2023	Programs and events	\$20,000
Whitehorse United Football Club	Yukon Equipment Overhaul	Programs and events	\$13,398
Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition	Website Redesign for Community Accessibility	Knowledge or skill development	\$9,933
Yukon Church Heritage Society	Old Log Church Museum and Rectory Window Restoration Project	Renovations or restorations	\$22,877
Yukon Conservation Society	Parnell House Feasibility Study	Planning	\$34,850
Yukon First Nations Hockey Association	Strategic Planning and Training	Knowledge or skill development	\$18,405
Yukon Freestyle Ski Association	Airsite Tow Rope	Renovations or restorations	\$10,251
Yukon Little League	Yukon Little League Charter Startup	Equipment/Capital Purchases	\$27,319
Yukon River Marathon Paddling Association	The Secrets of Ultra Marathon Paddling	Knowledge or skill development	\$4,450
Yukon Transportation Museum Society	CF-CPY Park Rejuvenation and Planning	Renovations or restorations	\$20,800

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 Community Development Fund money was spent over the 2023–2024 fiscal year.

## Applications

For the period April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the Community Development Fund program received 123 applications. As outlined in the chart below, 13 applications were withdrawn which left 110 to be processed. Of these 110 applications, 66 were approved and 44 were not supported. This represents an average approval rate of 60 per cent.

Figure 1: Application approval rates by tier

Tier	Number of applications received			Number of applications approved			
	Total received	Withdrawn	Total processed	Fully funded	Partially funded	Total funded	Approval rate
Tier 1	63	5	58	31	2	33	57%
Tier 2	38	6	32	21	2	23	72%
Tier 3	22	2	20	2	8	10	50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>60%</b>



## Distribution of dollars by tier

The Community Development Fund approved \$3,122,916 for projects in the fiscal year April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. 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	33	\$490,452
Tier 2	23	\$994,172
Tier 3	10	\$1,638,292
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>\$3,122,916</b>

Figure 3: Amount approved by tier

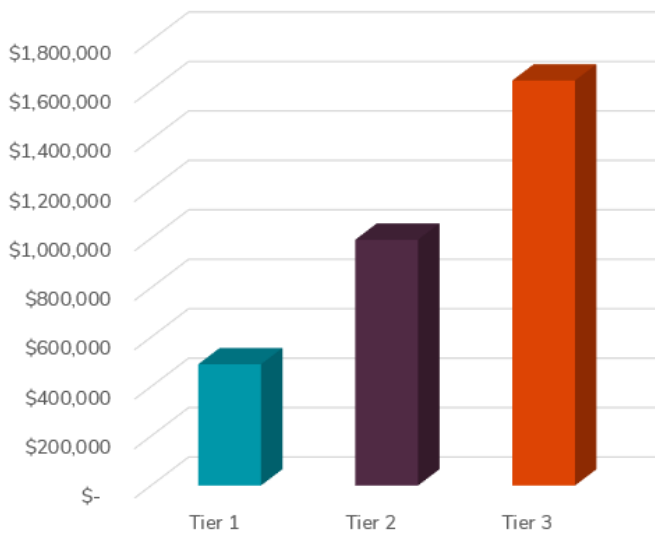
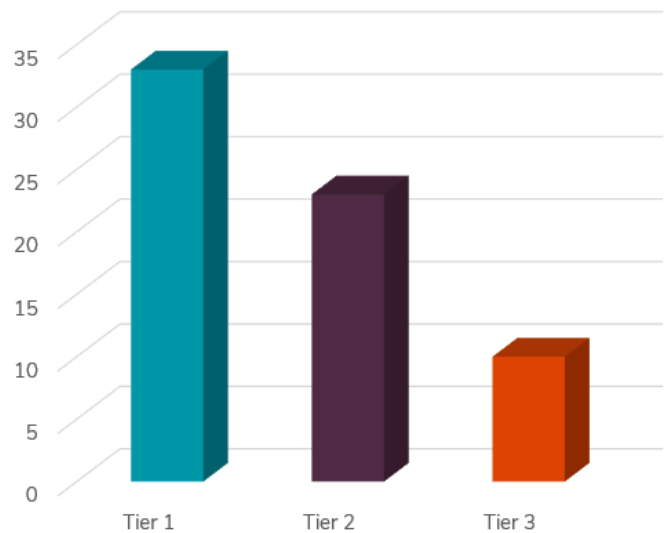


Figure 4: Projects approved by tier



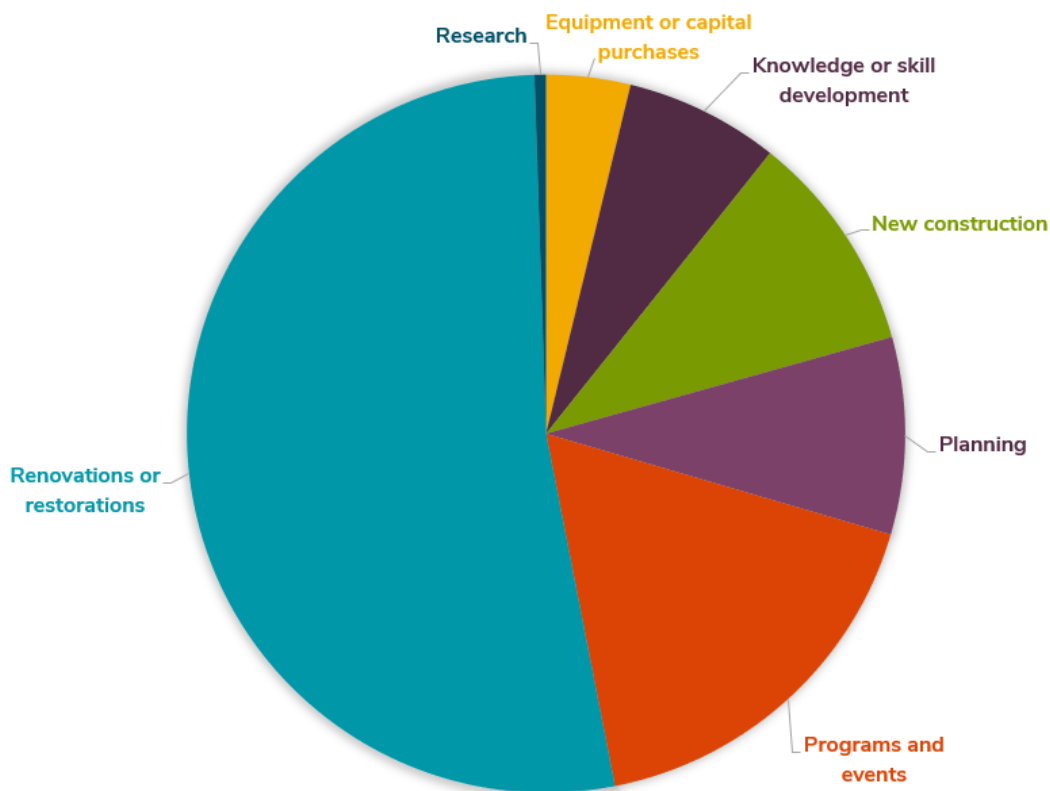
## Distribution of dollars by project category

All projects are assigned to specific categories. The information below reflects the number of projects approved in each category for the 2023–2024 fiscal year, and the distributional breakdown of dollars.

Figure 5: Distribution of dollars by project category

Category	Number of projects	Amount approved	Percentage of funding approved by category
Equipment or capital purchases	3	\$118,227	3.8%
Knowledge or skill development	5	\$216,788	6.9%
New construction	5	\$310,140	9.9%
Planning	9	\$277,184	8.9%
Programs and events	15	\$543,119	17.4%
Renovations or restorations	28	\$1,641,253	52.6%
Research	1	\$16,205	0.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>\$3,122,916</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 6: Percentage of dollars approved by category



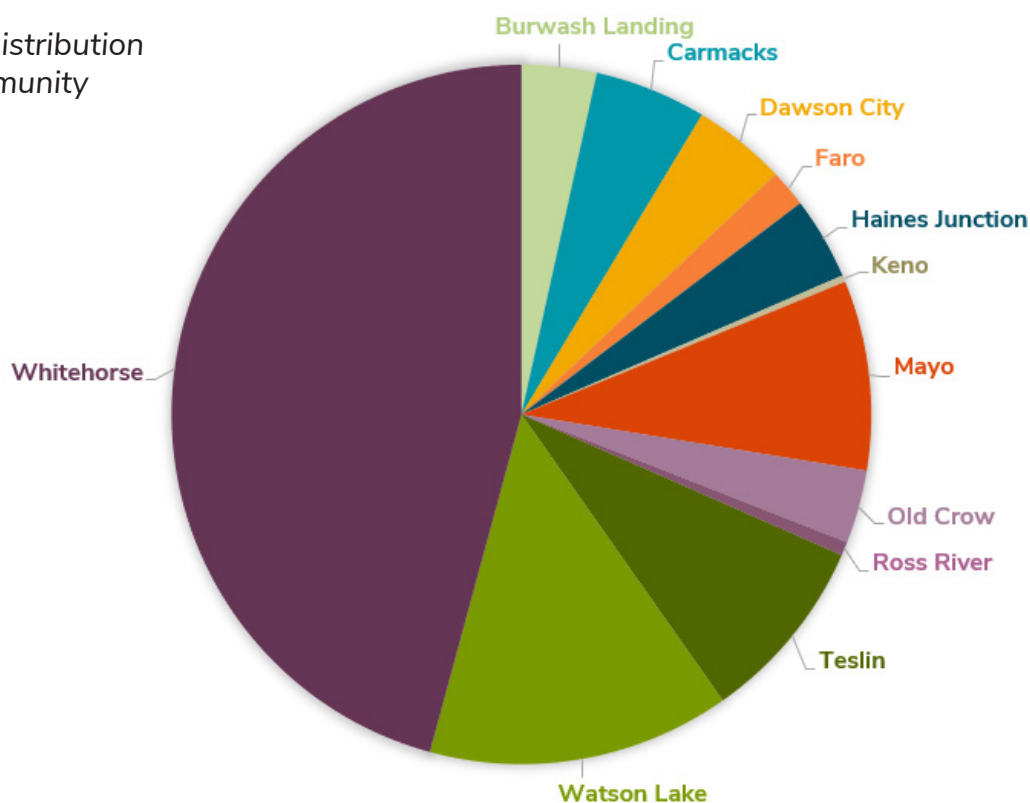
## Distribution of dollars by community

For the 2023–2024 fiscal year, the communities receiving the most dollars were Whitehorse at just under 46 per cent, followed by Watson Lake at 14 per cent. When comparing, Whitehorse received almost 46 per cent and rural Yukon received over 54 per cent of funding.

Community	Total amount for all tiers	Percentage of funding approved by community
Burwash Landing	\$108,105	3.5%
Carmacks	\$161,357	5.2%
Dawson City	\$135,000	4.3%
Faro	\$54,000	1.7%
Haines Junction	\$119,199	3.8%
Keno	\$9,697	0.3%
Mayo	\$273,733	8.8%
Old Crow	\$105,646	3.4%
Ross River	\$20,000	0.6%
Teslin	\$270,000	8.6%
Watson Lake	\$436,500	14.0%
Whitehorse	\$1,429,679	45.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,122,916</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 7 (left): Distribution of dollars by community

Figure 8 (right): Distribution of dollars by community



## Distribution of dollars by community per tier

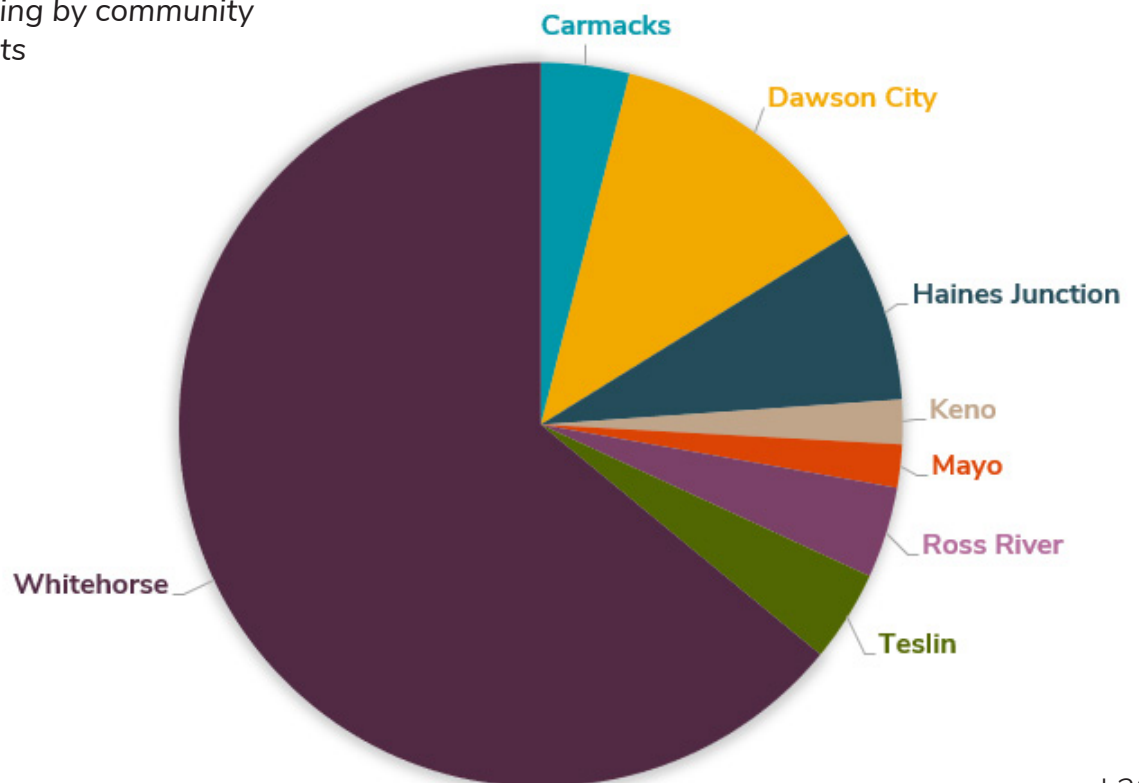
### Tier 1 dollars approved by community (funding requests up to \$20,000)

In Tier 1, the communities receiving the most dollars were Whitehorse at 64 per cent, followed by Dawson City at 12 per cent, and Haines Junction at nearly 8 per cent.

Figure 9: Distribution of dollars by community for Tier 1

Community	Approved funding	Percentage of funding approved by community
Carmacks	\$19,357	3.9%
Dawson City	\$60,000	12.2%
Haines Junction	\$37,825	7.7%
Keno	\$9,697	2.0%
Mayo	\$9,437	1.9%
Ross River	\$20,000	4.1%
Teslin	\$20,000	4.1%
Whitehorse	\$314,136	64.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$490,452</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 10: Funding by community for Tier 1 projects



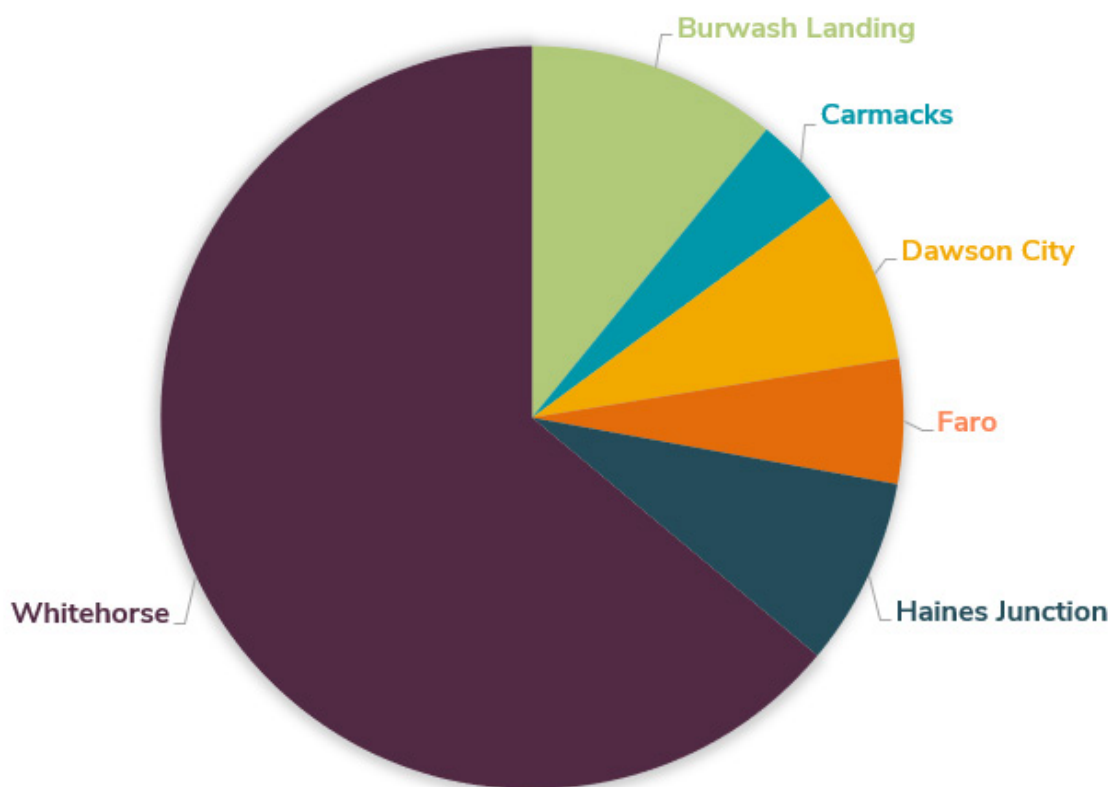
## Tier 2 dollars approved by community (funding requests from \$20,001 to \$75,000)

In Tier 2, the highest percentage of funding went to Whitehorse at almost 64 per cent, followed by Burwash Landing which received nearly 11 per cent and Haines Junction receiving over 8 per cent.

Figure 11: Distribution of dollars by community for Tier 2

Community	Approved funding	Percentage of funding approved by community
Burwash Landing	\$108,105	10.9%
Carmacks	\$40,000	4.0%
Dawson City	\$75,000	7.5%
Faro	\$54,000	5.4%
Haines Junction	\$81,374	8.2%
Whitehorse	\$635,693	63.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$994,172</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 12: Funding by community for Tier 2 projects



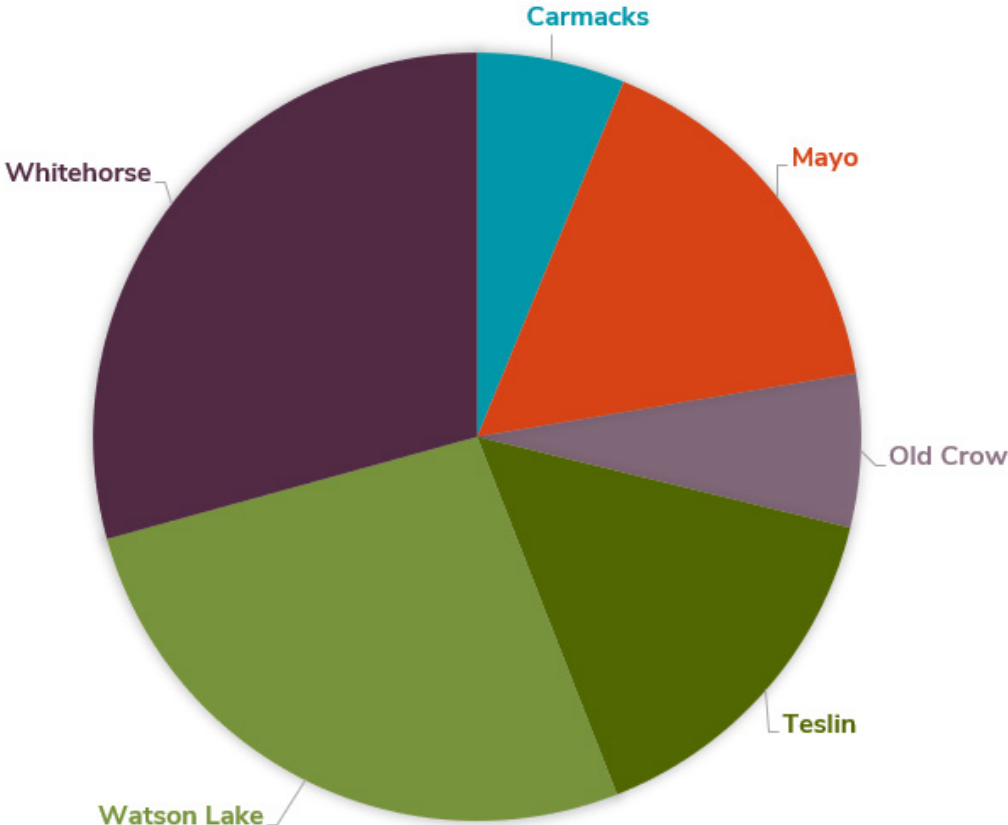
**Tier 3 dollars approved by community (funding requests over \$75,000)**

In Tier 3, just over 29 per cent of the funding was awarded to Whitehorse, with Watson Lake receiving over 26 per cent and Mayo receiving just over 16 per cent.

Figure 13: Distribution of dollars by community for Tier 3

Community	Approved funding	Percentage of funding approved by community
Carmacks	\$102,000	6.2%
Mayo	\$264,296	16.1%
Old Crow	\$105,646	6.4%
Teslin	\$250,000	15.3%
Watson Lake	\$436,500	26.6%
Whitehorse	\$479,850	29.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,638,292</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 14: Funding by community for Tier 3 projects





  
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