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## Government of Yukon awards funding to 15 groups for projects to support Yukon youth

WHITEHORSE—Young Yukon rock climbers, skiers and artists are among the youth to benefit from nearly \$68,000 awarded to 15 community groups through the Youth Investment Fund.

"Investing in our youth benefits communities, families and the territory. This fund is one way we are demonstrating our commitment to enhancing skill-building opportunities for Yukon's young people," Premier and Minister responsible for the Youth Directorate Darrell Pasloski said. "We commend those community groups who are stepping forward with unique activities that build athletic, leadership or artistic skills in our youth."

The Youth Investment Fund provides short-term funding for community-driven initiatives that promote self-esteem, encourage positive lifestyle choices or create social or recreational opportunities. Eligible groups can apply for funding between \$501 and \$5000. Recipients are selected with input from two youth representatives.

"The Carcross Recreation Board greatly appreciates funding support from the Youth Investment Fund. Without that assistance, we could not provide a rock wall climbing program," recreation director Bev James said. "Team building, unity, empathy and comradeship develop as youth and parents encourage each other to climb higher and faster. As they belay and instruct one another, rock climbing becomes a great way to help individuals and groups build character, trust, communication, problem-solving and leadership skills, which in turn creates stronger communities."

The Youth Investment Fund provides funding twice a year to qualifying community groups. The application deadline for the next round of funding is April 1.

**Learn more:** Youth Investment Fund or call 867-667-5367

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See list of fall 2015 recipients and photo of the Carcross Recreation Board's Rock on Fall 2015.

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### Youth Investment Fund—Award Recipients Fall 2015

Group/Association	Project	Awarded
<b>1</b> All-City Band Society	All-City Jazz Band Trip to Mayo, Pelly & Dawson	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>2</b> Town of Faro	2015/16 Faro Youth Programs	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>3</b> Boys and Girls Club	Kidsfest 2016	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>4</b> Yukon Association for Community Living	Peer Mentor Program	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>5</b> Champagne and Aishihik First Nations	Youth Enhancement Project	<b>4,999.00</b>

<b>6</b>	Carcross Recreation Board	Rock on Fall 2015	<b>4,928.00</b>
<b>7</b>	Village of Teslin	Teslin Youth Club	<b>4,920.00</b>
<b>8</b>	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in	Healthy Active Youth (HAY)	<b>4,715.00</b>
<b>9</b>	Yukon Breeze Sailing Society	Yukon Breeze Youth Camps and Leadership Development	<b>4,510.00</b>
<b>10</b>	Yukon Youth Outdoor Leadership Association	Young Riders Ski and Snowboard Program	<b>4,500.00</b>
<b>11</b>	First Nation of Na-cho Nyäk Dun	NND Youth Spring Camp	<b>4,500.00</b>
<b>12</b>	Youth of Today Society	Youth of Today Society Art Mentorship Project	<b>4,490.00</b>
<b>13</b>	Big Brothers Big Sisters	Bigs and Littles Hit the Slopes!	<b>3,759.00</b>
<b>14</b>	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in	Holistic Winter Camping Featuring Dog Sledding	<b>3,300.00</b>
<b>15</b>	Mothers Against Drunk Driving	MADD Canada School Assembly Program	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$67,621</b>

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