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## **Fund supports Filipino and African cultural festivals in Whitehorse**

WHITEHORSE—Local groups are receiving support from the Government of Yukon's New Canadians Event Fund to hold celebrations this fall. The Canadian Filipino Association of the Yukon and the Teenage Life and Young Adults International Society will each receive \$5,000.

"The Yukon government is proud of the territory's growing diversity, and pleased to provide funding to organizations that celebrate cultures from around the globe," Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor said. "These festivals, projects and events make life in Yukon a richer experience for us all."

The Canadian Filipino Association of the Yukon is receiving funding for the Fiesta Filipino taking place in November. The event will feature the Lantay Folk Dance Ensemble.

"The Canadian Filipino Association of Yukon would like to thank the Yukon government for the New Canadians Event Fund award granted to us," association president Aileen Maningas said. "It will enable us to showcase our cultural heritage through the Fiesta Filipino event, which aims to promote understanding and appreciation of Yukon's culturally diverse community."

Teenage Life and Young Adults International Society is receiving funding for a Yukon African Music Festival, also taking place in November. The event showcases African traditions and cultures.

"This is the fourth year that we have held the Yukon African Music Festival—it's an important event for bringing cultures together and it is always popular with Yukoners," society president Leonard Boniface said. "Teenage Life and Young Adults International Society appreciates this support for the festival from the New Canadians Event Fund. It means we can share music, dance, food and culture, and have a fun community celebration!"

The New Canadians Event Fund began in 2014 to support Yukon-based, registered non-profit societies that are involved in assisting new Canadians with their transition to living in Yukon.

**Learn more:** New Canadians Event Fund

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