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Sport and recreation grants awarded

WHITEHORSE – Yukon sport and recreation groups receive \$935,000 in grants for 2010-11.

"Annual funding to sport and recreation organizations supports programs that improve our quality of life and provide opportunities for Yukoners of all ages to be active," Community Services Minister Archie Lang said. "The dedication and commitment of our volunteers, coaches, sporting officials and parents help athletes achieve their goals and encourage Yukoners to have active lifestyles."

The Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee (YRAC) reviews the funding applications from sport organizations, athletes and coaches.

"Each of these organizations does outstanding work, which is why we recommend funding them. With the help of thousands of volunteers these groups deliver sport, recreation and healthy living programs to Yukoners across the territory," Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee chair Ron McFadyen said.

This year twenty-six sport governing bodies will receive \$520,000 and six special recreation groups will receive \$185,000. Sport Yukon will be awarded \$130,000 to support core operations and program delivery. The Yukon's High Performance Athlete and Officials Assistance Program will receive \$100,000 to distribute between 27 athletes and four officials.

"The benefits of investing in sport and recreation impact positively on long-term health and builds vibrant communities," Lang added.

Funding for the annual YRAC grants is made possible through a revenue sharing agreement between the Yukon Lottery Commission and the Government of Yukon. Grants are adjudicated by the advisory committee and administered by the Department of Community Services.

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See backgrounder below.

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Attachment: 2010-11 YRAC funding and recipients

Yukon Sport Governing Bodies

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| Alpine Skiing | \$ 15,500 |
| Athletics Yukon | 2,000 |
| Basketball Yukon | 30,000 |
| Biathlon Yukon | 10,400 |
| Cross Country Yukon | 90,000 |
| Equine Association of Yukon | 3,000 |
| Figure Skating | 5,000 |
| Freestyle Skiing | 6,100 |
| Judo Yukon | 7,500 |
| Snowboard Yukon Association | 3,500 |
| Softball Yukon | 19,000 |
| Squash Yukon | 15,000 |
| Swim Yukon | 39,500 |
| Synchro Yukon Association | 4,500 |
| Table Tennis | 3,000 |
| Tennis Yukon Association | 5,000 |
| Volleyball Yukon | 29,000 |
| Yukon Amateur Hockey Association | 69,000 |
| Yukon Amateur Speed Skating Association | 11,500 |
| Yukon Badminton Association | 8,000 |
| Yukon Curling Association | 14,000 |
| Yukon Golf Association | 5,000 |
| Yukon Gymnastics Association | 27,000 |
| Yukon Orienteering Association | 6,000 |
| Yukon Shooting Federation | 2,500 |

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| Yukon Soccer Association | 89,000 |
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| Total sport bodies funding | \$ 520,000 |
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Yukon Special Recreation Groups

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| ElderActive Recreation Association | \$ 14,000 |
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| Girl Guides – Yukon Council | 14,000 |
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| Recreation & Parks Association of the Yukon | 64,750 |
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| Skookum Jim Friendship Centre | 64,750 |
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| Yukon Scout Council | 9,500 |
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| Yukon Special Olympics | 18,000 |
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| Total recreation groups funding | \$ 185,000 |
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2010-11 High Performance Funding – Athletes

| Name | Sport | Level | Funding |
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| Dahria Beatty | Cross Country Skiing | Gold | \$ 7,000 |
| Janelle Greer | Cross Country Skiing | Gold | 7,000 |
| Knute Johnsgaard | Cross Country Skiing | Gold | 7,000 |
| Emily Nishikawa | Cross Country Skiing | Gold | 7,000 |
| Danielle Marcotte | Shooting | Gold | 7,000 |
| David Greer | Cross Country Skiing | Gold | 6,750 |
| Graham Nishikawa | Cross Country Skiing | Gold | 6,750 |
| Colin Abbott | Cross Country Skiing | Gold | 4,000 |
| Lee Hawkings | Orienteering | Gold | 2,000 |
| William Mahoney | Curling | Silver | 2,500 |
| Thomas Scoffin | Curling | Silver | 2,500 |

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| Mitchell Young | Curling | Silver | 2,500 |
| Troy Henry | Speed Skating | Silver | 1,750 |
| Chelsea Duncan | Curling | Bronze | 2,500 |
| Jenna Duncan | Curling | Bronze | 2,500 |
| Linea Eby | Curling | Bronze | 2,500 |
| Sarah Koltun | Curling | Bronze | 2,500 |
| Patricia Wallingham | Curling | Bronze | 2,500 |
| Tanner Cassidy | Swimming | Bronze | 1,750 |
| Erin Oliver-Beebe | Biathlon | Bronze | 1,500 |
| Kendra Murray | Orienteering | Bronze | 1,500 |
| Haley Braga | Swimming | Bronze | 1,500 |
| Isabel Parkkari | Swimming | Bronze | 1,500 |
| Rachel Pettitt | Figure Skating | Bronze | 1,500 |
| Amelia Austin | Figure Skating | Bronze | 1,000 |
| Kirsten Berube | Swimming | Bronze | 1,000 |
| Taylor Campbell | Swimming | Bronze | 1,000 |
| Total athletes funding | | | \$ 88,500 |

2010-11 High Performance Funding – Officials

| Name | Sport | Funding |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Stephen Mooney | Basketball | \$ 1,000 |
| Tony Gaw | Soccer | 1,000 |
| Joyce Bachli | Table Tennis | 1,000 |
| Chris Toleman | Squash | 500 |
| Total officials funding | | \$ 3,500 |

International event funding***\$8,000**

Total High Performance Funding**\$ 100,000**

* An additional \$8,000 has been allocated to provide grants in the amount of \$1,000 or \$500 to Yukon athletes who represent Canada and Yukon at specified senior or junior World Championships and other international events.

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