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Funding aimed at preventing violence against Aboriginal women

WHITEHORSE – Six organizations will receive close to \$190,000 to help prevent violence against Aboriginal women, the Minister responsible for Women's Directorate, Marian C. Horne announced today.

"Reducing the incidence of violence against Aboriginal women continues to be a priority for the Yukon government," Horne said. "These projects will assist in supporting Aboriginal women to develop culturally sensitive approaches that meaningfully address the unique needs of each community."

The Prevention of Violence Against Aboriginal Women Fund doubled to \$200,000 annually in 2009 in order to better support programs and events designed and developed by Aboriginal women and their communities.

"I am pleased that communities and organizations will have the opportunity to provide sustainable programming over a longer period of time," Horne added.

The Women's Directorate has contributed approximately \$900,000 towards projects since the fund's inception.

The following groups received funding for 2010–11:

First Nation of Na-cho Nyäk Dun	\$25, 000
Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation	\$11, 425
Whitehorse Aboriginal Women's Circle:	\$25, 000
Yukon Aboriginal Women's Council	\$25, 000

The Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Society Yukon will receive \$49,680 and the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation will receive \$49,297 over 2010–11 and 2011–12.

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See backgrounder below.

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RECIPIENTS OF 2010-12 PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE FUND:**Community Violence Prevention Initiative: First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun**

Retreat-based workshops providing women with information about preventing violence, seeking support, the cycle and types of abuse, responses to violence in families and communities and traditional parenting. Contact: Sandy Washburn 996-2265

Violence Prevention Program: Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation

Two separate 10-week support groups for men and women. Topics covered will include the cycle of violence, stress and anger management, communication skills, goal setting, lapse, relapse and closure. Family support worker will co-facilitate with outside counsellors to build capacity within the community of Old Crow. Contact: Kelly-Lynn Danyluk 966-3519 ext 250

Website and Workshop: Whitehorse Aboriginal Women's Circle

The development of a website with resources and links about the prevention of violence against Aboriginal women, including legal information, safety, traditional roles of Aboriginal women and a section specifically for Aboriginal men. The website will be launched with a violence prevention workshop for young women. Contact: Anna Vogt 668-7532

Yukon Sisters in Spirit: Yukon Aboriginal Women's Council

Research and a public education campaign to support families and communities in raising awareness about missing and murdered Aboriginal women and violence against Aboriginal women. In the first phase the coordinator will research Yukon specific cases. The second phase will include public awareness and education campaign and the third will involve a traditional ceremony to honour the missing women and their families. Contact: Courtney Wheelton 667-6162

Restoring, Rediscovering and Renewing: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Society of Yukon

Two retreats and follow up sessions will provide women with hope, increased self images, alternative and therapeutic programming, self-defence workshops and group discussions with a certified counsellor. Contact: Brooke Alsbury 393-4948

Vision of Power: Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation

Two-year project to continue the healing of Aboriginal women, children and families in Dawson City featuring two four-day retreats, alternative healing therapists and a weekly support group. The area of focus will be self-care, wellness, causes and dynamics of domestic violence, healthy family connections and learning new ways to interact without violence. Contact: Debbie Nagano 993-7150

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