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New training fund for non-government organizations

WHITEHORSE – A new fund to assist non-government organizations (NGOs) to achieve their mandates and enhance their accountability was announced today by Education Minister Patrick Rouble.

"The Government of Yukon values the contributions of the non-government sector to the ongoing development of Yukon communities as well as to Yukon's economy," Rouble said. "This year we are providing \$50,000 to Volunteer Yukon to administer the fund in support of training opportunities for non-government organizations, through the Education department."

Volunteer Yukon has a long history of providing training services to non-profit organizations including topical public seminars and workshops on subjects such as board roles and responsibilities; financial management; strategic planning; liability and risk management; and volunteer management. The NGO Training Fund will expand customized training opportunities for Yukon's non-profit sector by enabling individual organizations to hire their own trainer.

"Yukon runs on the strength of its NGOs. Volunteer Yukon is delighted that Advanced Education has recognized Yukon non-profits as an industry sector and we are looking forward to administering this new fund on its behalf," Noreen McGowan, Volunteer Yukon's president said.

All registered Yukon non-profit organizations will be eligible for funding. The call for applications will be announced mid-November and application packages will be available through Volunteer Yukon's website.

"Because so many Yukoners participate in the volunteer sector to develop their own skills and job experience, providing funding for this training opportunity also helps support the department's goal to enhance transitions between levels of education and the work world," Rouble added.

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