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Seven community projects awarded crime prevention, victim services funding

The Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust is providing funding of \$112,925 to seven community-led projects that focus on crime prevention or services for victims in Yukon.

The spring 2017 funding recipients include Kluane First Nation, Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon, Youth of Today Society, Boys and Girls Club of Yukon, Yukon Youth Outdoor Leadership Association, Yukon Association for Community Living and Second Opinion Society.

The Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust accepts funding applications from non-profit organizations, municipal and First Nation governments, and school councils or boards. Eligible costs can include wages or honoraria, promotional materials and printing, as well as materials or rental costs.

The next application deadline is 11:59 p.m. on August 15, 2017.

Quotes

"The Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust offers important funding to community-led programs and services in the territory. We are happy to see organizations taking advantage of this funding as it helps to ensure their success and ultimately increases the health and wellness of Yukoners, specifically those that are vulnerable or are victims of crime."

–Minister of Justice Tracy-Anne McPhee

Quick facts

- The Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust awards funds twice a year to projects that are intended to reduce crime, prevent violence against women and children, address the root causes of crime, provide services and information to victims of crime, or provide information about crime prevention and victimization.
- The fund has supported Yukon community groups since 1998. Proposals are reviewed by the Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Board of Trustees. Board members include community members and representatives from the Yukon government, First Nations, women's organizations and the RCMP.

Learn more: Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust

See backgrounder.

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Backgrounder – Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Spring 2017 Funding Recipients

Kluane First Nation was awarded \$14,392 for the Men's / Women's / Youth Wellness Camps project.

A two-day women's workshop with presentations on reflexology, moose hair tufting and preparation of traditional foods through traditional teaching circles. The circles reinforce important principles in the Aboriginal worldview and belief systems of interconnectedness, equality and continuity. This helps create a safe environment for women to create bonds and connections with their peers and to develop a support system in the traditional way.

A ten-week long day camp to bring community youth together to learn traditional skills from elders, enjoy recreation and to develop self-esteem and a sense of self-worth through activities such as traditional crafts; traditional hand games and Dene games; outings on the land for berry picking, fishing, hunting and hiking; swimming lessons; and Kids in the Kitchen programming.

A four-day women's wellness retreat where women will have an opportunity to relax, renew and rejuvenate while gaining knowledge of traditional ways. Activities include yoga, birch basket making, copper tooling, fish scale art, traditional medicine making, hikes, jarring of fruit, vegetables and meat and evening meditation.

A four-day men's wellness retreat where men will have an opportunity to relax, renew and revitalize while gaining knowledge of traditional ways. Activities include fishing, hunting and snaring, meat preparation and storage and a camp fire circle at the end of the day.

Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon received \$6,000 for their Dawson City Literacy Camp.

A two-week mid-summer literacy tutoring and wilderness skills day camp that will provide children with additional literacy support over the summer. Mornings will be spent reading individually and with the instructor and building wood or art projects. Afternoons will be spent in various outdoor activities in the community such as canoeing, rafting and building willow branch shelters. Staff will help parents pick books to read at home and parents will be invited to lunch on the last day so their children can read to them.

Youth of Today Society was awarded \$27,125 toward the Youth Cultural Reflection Project.

Youth of Today Society will employ ten high-risk youth who will design ten murals with a First Nation theme to be painted on Kwanlin Dun First Nation buildings. If necessary, graffiti and tagging will be cleaned from the buildings prior to the murals being painted. The goal is to create employment for ten youth to reduce youth poverty, decrease vulnerability to drug and alcohol use and give them a sense of pride and increased self-esteem.

Boys and Girls Club of Yukon received \$5,386 for the Here for You! project.

A twelve-week project to enhance teen knowledge of the support systems available to them. The group will meet twice a week for discussions and seminars regarding youth resources. Additionally, guest speakers will be brought in and where possible youth will be taken to see where the resources can be found. At the same time changes in layout at the teen drop-in centre will make information on resources more readily available.

Yukon Youth Outdoor Leadership Association received \$14,347 for their Community Drop-in Floor Hockey Program.

A free drop-in after-school floor hockey program for youth at the Canada Games Centre three afternoons a week during May and June. Partnering youth service providers will recruit interested youth, provide transportation and supervise the program. Drop-in passes will be available for youth who are not involved with a youth service provider. The space will accommodate up to four games at a time to allow games for different ages and abilities. A meal will be provided after the game in the pool party room. The goals of the program are to provide a sense of belonging, to improve self-confidence and self-worth and to provide learning around how to appropriately deal with conflict and how to form healthy relationships.

Yukon Association for Community Living was awarded \$28,800 for the My Life My Body Project, Phase 2.

The second phase of the My Life My Body Project will use lessons learned from Phase 1 to continue to provide education and support regarding disabled people and sexuality. The project will include a series of webinars on sexuality education; a month long public education campaign with the goals of removing stigma around sexuality, busting myths and fostering open conversation specifically targeted to the disabled community; training workshops for professionals; sexual health education through school visits and social skills for healthy relationships specific to students with intellectual disabilities; and monthly friendship circle events for participants to learn and practice the 10 Skills of Likeability (presented by Dave Hingsburger at last year's conference) with a goal of helping disabled people learn how to develop friendships.

Second Opinion Society received \$16,875 toward their The Real Feedback: Oral History of the Experiences at Second Opinion Society from Members, Board Members and Staff project.

A research project which will gather input and feedback via written surveys and interviews from core members, many past users of the agency and other stake-holders and non-profits about the Second Opinion Society and its programs. Once gathered a consultant will compile the results and a final report will be written. The findings will be incorporated into the Second Opinion Society strategic plan and will be used to develop action plans and targeted, streamlined programming.

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