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## **Variety of projects receive Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund money**

WHITEHORSE—The Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund is awarding \$142,323 to support eight projects in three Yukon communities, Justice Minister Mike Nixon announced today.

The Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund awards money to projects which are designed to:

- provide services and information to support victims of offences;
- help reduce the incidence of crime;
- address the root cause of criminal behaviour;
- prevent violence against women and children; and
- publicize information about crime prevention and how people can protect themselves from becoming victims.

"Preventing crime and ensuring there is adequate support for victims in all Yukon communities is a priority for the Yukon government. I am pleased to announce the continued funding for this worthwhile programming," Nixon said.

The fund is supported through a variety of sources as set out in the *Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Act*.

The Board of Trustees reviews proposals and awards money two times a year. The next deadline for funding is March 1, 2012.

The public is invited to donate money to support community projects by contacting Victim Services and Community Justice at 867-667-8746.

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See backgrounder below.

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## Fall 2011 Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund Award Recipients

**Second Opinion Society** was awarded \$42,320 in support of their pilot project for mental health advocates. Contact Susan Gwynne-Timothy at 867-667-2037.

**The Skookum Jim Friendship Centre** was awarded \$41,743 to support the after school tutoring program. Contact Tanya Silverfox at 867-633-7689.

**The Selkirk First Nation** was awarded \$12,025 to assist with their mothers and daughters group. Contact Julia Joe at 867-537-3008.

**Gwaandak Theatre Society** will receive \$12,000 for its *WHOSE Justice* project. Contact Patti Flathers at 867-393-2676.

**Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre** was awarded \$10,900 to support the *Trauma of Violence* project. Contact Diane Pétrin or Julianna Scramstad at 867-667-2693.

**Whitehorse Aboriginal Women's Circle** will receive \$10,000 in support of their Community Outreach – Aboriginal Women's Advocate Program. Contact them at 867-668-7532.

**The Village of Teslin** was awarded \$9,735 to support their youth explore expression via the design, production and post-production of cultural content project. Contact Jean-Michel Harvey at 867-390-2530.

**The Yukon Circle of Change** will receive \$3,600 to support the Katy Hutchison speaking tour 2011. Contact Christine Klaassen-St. Pierre at 867-667-8665.

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