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## **More than \$130,000 in arts funding awarded to 12 Yukon groups**

WHITEHORSE—Twelve groups from across Yukon are sharing more than \$130,000 in funding for arts projects ranging from music workshops to jewelry making to traditional storytelling.

"The Arts Fund is supporting a diverse range of organizations and projects," Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor said. "Our government places great value on the arts and its positive impact on our quality of life. This funding continues to support a vibrant arts community in creating work and coordinating events that bring Yukoners together."

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in will receive \$13,000 for the project *Our Traditions – Our Life*, a series of events that will increase people's knowledge of the First Nation's heritage and culture through sewing, beading, drumming and storytelling.

"This project will benefit all members of the community by helping them build strong cultural connections through the arts and positive intergenerational relationships," Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Youth Enhancement coordinator Ricky Mawunganidze said. "These workshops will focus on increasing people's awareness of heritage and culture, and the important role they play in empowering people and promoting a healthy lifestyle."

The December 2014 intake is also supporting projects by Music Yukon, the Yukon Conservation Society, the Campbell Region Economic Development Organization and the Teslin Tlingit Council for its Hà Kus Teyea cultural celebration in July.

The Arts Fund supports projects that foster the creative development of the arts in Yukon communities. The application intake deadlines are the 15th of March, June, September and December.

**Learn more:**  
Arts Fund

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**Arts Fund – December 15, 2014 intake**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
Music Yukon	Arts in the Park	\$20,000
Teslin Tlingit Council	2015 Hà Kus Teyea Celebration	\$20,000
Dawson City Community Library	Dawson Daily News Print and Publishing Symposium, 4th Edition	\$15,000
Yukon Music Camp Society	Yukon Summer Music Camp	\$15,000
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in	Our Traditions - Our Life	\$13,000
First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun	The "Come Walk With Us" Storybook	\$12,500
Town of Watson Lake	Watson Lake Arts in the Park	\$10,000
Yukon China Community Association	Shaolin Martial Art Event	\$10,000
Sundog Acoustic Music Society	Yukon Acoustic Music Workshop 2015	\$9,373
Yukon Conservation Society	Created at the Canyon	\$3,000
Campbell Region Economic Development Organization	Faro Intro to Jewelry Construction	\$2,454
Marsh Lake Community Society	Leaping Lakers – 3 days of dance	\$1,500
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$131,827</b>

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