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Youth Investment Fund supports winter sport and recreation projects

WHITEHORSE—The Youth Investment Fund is providing \$57,000 in funding this winter to communities across Yukon, \$21,000 of which will go towards sport and recreation initiatives.

"The Yukon government recognizes the role young people play in the future of our society," Premier and Minister responsible for the Youth Directorate Darrell Pasloski said. "We are proud to support programs that help children and youth realize their full potential as healthy and fully engaged members of their communities."

The Youth Investment Fund supports short-term community-driven initiatives throughout Yukon, addressing the needs and interests of youth under 19 years of age. Funded projects aim to promote self-esteem or create social or recreational opportunities.

"The Youth Investment Fund has greatly benefited our community," Carcross recreation director Beverly James said. "The money we received has allowed us to provide evening rock wall climbing and judo instruction in the school gym for youth and families. These programs promote unity, self-confidence and comradeship. The programs would not have happened without this assistance."

The Youth Investment Fund is supported by the Executive Council Office and the departments of Community Services, Education, Health and Social Services, Justice and the Women's Directorate. The next intake is April 1, 2015 for applications for amounts over \$500 and up to \$5,000. Applications to the fund for amounts less than \$500 can be submitted at any time.

Learn more: Youth Investment Fund

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See list of sport and recreation project recipients below.

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Youth Investment Fund Fall 2014: awarded funding for sport and recreation projects

Group/Association	Project	Awarded
Burwash Landing Recreation Committee	Kluane Bush and Survival Skills	\$1,000
Carcross Recreation Board	Fall 2014	\$2,900
Skookum Jim FC – After School Sports	After School Sports Program	\$4,500
Town of Faro	Faro Gymnastics Camp and Club	\$4,290
Village of Teslin	Mount Sima Lessons & Skiing / Yukon Aboriginal Sports	\$4,000
Yukon Youth Outdoor Leadership Association	Young Riders Ski and Snowboard Club	\$4,000
Total		\$20,690

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