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Legal aid receives an additional \$235,000 in 2013/14 funding

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon has provided the Yukon Legal Services Society an additional one-time budget increase of \$235,000 to ensure that the 2013/14 legal aid funding requirements are met.

"The Department of Justice worked with the society to review the budgetary needs for legal aid," Minister of Justice Mike Nixon said. "It was identified that additional funding was needed to meet this year's operating objectives."

A total of \$435,000 in additional funding was provided to the Society this fiscal year. In addition to this recent increase of \$235,000, the society received \$200,000 last October to help cover high-cost cases.

"The Yukon government's funding announcement for the 2013/14 fiscal year is very important for the society as it allows us to continue to provide legal assistance to the most vulnerable and at-risk citizens of Yukon," Yukon Legal Services Society acting executive director David Christie said. "This is a welcome, positive measure in support of our responsible efforts to help the community."

Legal aid services in Yukon are provided by the society under the authority of the Legal Services Society Act. The society is governed by a board of directors who are appointed by the minister of Justice.

The act allows the society to provide eligible Yukoners with legal aid services in certain types of criminal, civil and family court proceedings.

The society also provides poverty law services (e.g., advice and representation regarding employment insurance, social assistance benefits, landlord and tenant matters) through its Neighbourhood Law Centre.

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