



FOR RELEASE
June 12, 2014

Yukon government supports museums and First Nation cultural and heritage centres

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government is providing more than \$1.5 million to Yukon museums and interpretive centres through two of its funding programs.

"The Yukon government recognizes the tremendous contribution made by the museums and First Nation cultural and heritage centres which preserve and interpret our unique history," Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon said. "This investment assists with the operation of these facilities and the management of their collections, along with funding for specialized museum projects."

The Dawson City Museum will receive \$100,000 annually for three years through the Museum Contribution Program to assist with the costs associated with managing and operating the museum.

"Dawson City Museum is a dynamic facility that presents the history of the Klondike region with engaging, informative exhibits and vibrant programs," executive director Laura Mann said. "This three-year agreement provides funding which allows us to continue providing an exceptional, high quality museum experience to visitors and Yukoners."

The John Tizya Centre in Old Crow will receive \$17,775 in funding through the Special Projects Capital Assistance Program for *The Sound We See: Old Crow*, a locally produced film exhibit for the centre. It will be made by local filmmakers working with mentors from Bite Size Media of Vancouver and the Echo Park Film Center in Los Angeles.

"*The Sound We See* exhibit is an excellent collaboration between professional filmmakers and community members who will share their stories about life in Old Crow," Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Chief Joe Linklater said. "Local film production not only adds dynamic elements to the John Tizya Centre exhibits but also reaches a wider online audience and enhances local film production skills. We're proud to have Old Crow join other *The Sound We See* productions from Hanoi, Rotterdam and Los Angeles."

Learn more:

Yukon Museums funding: http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/museums_funding.html

-30-

See backgrounder below.

Contact:

Elaine Schiman
Cabinet Communications
867-633-7961
elaine.schiman@gov.yk.ca

Heather LeDuc
Communications, Tourism and Culture
867-667-5318
heather.leduc@gov.yk.ca

Backgrounder

Museums Contribution Program – 2014/15

Nineteen museum organizations will share \$1,171,000 in annual operations and management support through

the Museum Contribution Program (MCP). The program agreements are renewed every three years. The MCP provides community museums, First Nation cultural and heritage centres and the Yukon Historical and Museums Association (YHMA) with funding for programming and administrative services, operating expenses and building and exhibit repairs or upgrades.

	Museum	Amount of Support
1	Da Ku Cultural Centre	\$100,000
2	Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre	100,000
3	Dawson City Museum	100,000
4	Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre	100,000
5	MacBride Museum	100,000
6	Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre	100,000
7	Transportation Museum	100,000
8	Old Log Church Museum	61,500
9	Yukon Historical and Museums Association	61,500
10	Big Jonathan House	38,000
11	George Johnston Museum	38,000
12	John Tizya Centre	38,000
13	Keno City Mining Museum	38,000
14	Kluane Museum of Natural History	38,000
15	Tage Cho Hudan Interpretive Centre	38,000
16	Binet House	30,000
17	Campbell Region Interpretive Centre	30,000
18	Copperbelt Railway and Mining Museum	30,000
19	Northern Lights Centre	30,000
	Total	\$1,171,000

Special Projects Capital Assistance Program – 2014/15

Fourteen Yukon museums and YHMA will share \$370,000 through the Special Projects Capital Assistance Program (SPCAP). SPCAP was established in 2006 and supports specialized and small capital projects such as joint marketing initiatives, artifact inventory and cataloguing, exhibit planning and development, collections management and revenue generation.

The Museum Funding Review Panel consists of museum professionals from across the territory. It adjudicated 24 proposals totaling more than \$570,000 in funding requests for the SPCAP 2014/15 intake.

	Recipient	Name of Project	Amount Allocated
--	------------------	------------------------	-------------------------

1	Copperbelt Railway and Mining Museum	Collections review and preservation	\$40,000
2	Dawson City Museum	Curatorial component of permanent exhibit	40,000
3	MacBride Museum	Lower Cowen exhibit planning	40,000
4	Yukon Historical and Museums Association	Cooperative marketing ventures	40,000
5	Yukon Transportation Museum	Collections 301	40,000
6	Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in artifact backlog processing	24,000
7	Da Kų Cultural Centre	Exhibit planning/development assistance	20,000
8	Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre	Reception and sales workstation/flooring project	20,000
9	Keno City Mining Museum	Sawmill shelter and artifact interp./labelling	19,993
10	Old Log Church Museum	Collections management policy and procedures initiative	19,577
11	John Tizya Centre	<i>The Sound We See</i> exhibit production	17,775
12	Kluane Museum of Natural History	Kluane Museum grounds improvement	14,085
13	Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre	<i>Journey with Our Hearts and Our Hands</i> project	13,300
14	Binet House Museum	Binet House display planning/development	12,704
15	Northern Lights Centre	Colour photocopier	8,566
		Total	\$370,000

Grand Total: \$1,541,000

News Release #14-151



Stay up to date with the latest Yukon government news by subscribing to our RSS feed here: <http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/rss.html>. Or follow us on Twitter @yukongov.