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Youth Directorate funds 24 youth-focused projects

WHITEHORSE—The Youth Investment Fund (YIF) has contributed approximately \$60,000 toward 24 projects to benefit youth in Yukon this summer.

"Supporting projects that champion the development of social and cultural leadership in our youth is an investment in Yukon's future," premier and minister responsible for the Youth Directorate Darrell Pasloski said.

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.

"U Kon Echelon Cycling Club would like to thank the Youth Investment Fund for providing \$2,700 to support our U Kon Youth Engagement Project," head coach and treasurer Trena Irving said. "This project benefits tremendously from the funding by YIF, allowing youth to participate in a safe cycling exercise and skills program at a reduced cost. Our program is offered by youth and adults in positive mentorship roles."

Sponsored by the departments of Education, Community Services, Health and Social Services and Justice, the next intake is October 1 for applications ranging from \$501 to \$5,000. Applications to the fund for amounts up to \$500 can be submitted at any time.

For more information, visit: [Youth Investment Fund](#)

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List of spring 2014 recipients attached.

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Youth Investment Fund – Spring 2014 Recipients

Group/Association	Project	Awarded
Yukon Arts Centre	Because I am a Girl	4,000
Recreation and Parks Association	Junior Lifeguard Club in the Communities	3,500
Freedom Trails Therapeutic Riding	Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program	3,500
City of Dawson	Youth Leadership Program	3,500
Yukon First Nation Culture and Tourism Association	Adäka Youth Workshop Program	3,500
Dawson City Arts Society	Klondike Institute of Art and Culture, Youth Art Enrichment	3,000
Village of Teslin	Youth Summer Dance Camp	3,000
Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon	Dawson City Literacy Camp	3,000
City of Dawson	Community Garden Youth Programs	3,000
Marsh Lake Community Society	Marsh Lake After School Program, summer day camp	3,000
Music Yukon	Arts in the Park – Youth Initiative	3,000
U Kon Echelon Bike Club	U Kon Echelon Youth Engagement Project	2,700
Yukon Youth Outdoor Leadership Association	Young Riders downhill mountain biking and ropes course	2,500

First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun	Annual Youth Gathering 2014	2,500
Yukon Association for Community Living	Celebrate Summer Inclusively	2,400
Church of St. Christopher	Community Summer Camp	2,400
Breakdancing Yukon Society	Cypher Citizens Community Building Internship Program	2,200
Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation	Youth Day Biennial Gwich'in Gathering	2,000
Carcross Recreation Board	Judo Program	2,000
Synchro Yukon	Synchronized swimming summer session	1,200
Bethany Tabernacle	Archery range safety equipment replacement and	1,000
Yukon First Nations Graduation Society	Yukon First Nations graduation ceremony	1,000
Gentle Steps Family Support Centre	Gentle Steps Family Support Centre	1,000
Yukon College Science Adventures	Stay-a-Day at Yukon College	960
	Totals	59,860

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