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More than \$1.3 million in sport and recreation funding announced

WHITEHORSE—Partnerships between the Government of Yukon, Yukon Lottery Commission and Sport Canada have made more than \$1.3 million in grants available to Yukon's sport and recreation community.

"Sport and recreation organizations, our athletes, coaches and officials contribute tremendously to building healthy and vibrant communities throughout Yukon," Minister of Community Services Brad Cathers said. "I am pleased to announce our continued funding to these groups and individuals."

This year, 26 different sport organizations will receive financial support through the Yukon Sport 4 Life program. The High Performance program will fund 34 individual officials and athletes and the Elite Athlete Program will invest in five Yukon athletes who have been identified by national sport organizations. In total, 30 sport organizations and six recreational groups will receive funding through the Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee.

"Thanks to these annual grants, there are great opportunities in Yukon communities for children and youth to engage in active, healthy and fun activities," Recreation and Parks Association of the Yukon executive director Anne Morgan said. "By supporting local leaders, ensuring resources and access to training, this funding has a positive impact on the quality of life for many children and youth across Yukon."

Visit Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee Funding.

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Backgrounder and list of spring 2014 recipients below.

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Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee (YRAC)

The Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee (YRAC) is made up of six representatives of the sport community from across Yukon. They meet once per year to adjudicate annual funding

applications from Yukon's sport and recreation organizations. The current members of YRAC are Tim Brady-Whitehorse (Chair), Marg White-Whitehorse, Benita Parkkari-Whitehorse, Sharon Peter-Mayo, Johnny Nunan-Dawson, Bill Stonehouse-Whitehorse.

Funding for the annual YRAC grants is made possible by a revenue sharing agreement between the Yukon Lottery Commission and the Yukon government. It is administered through the Department of Community Services' Sport & Recreation Branch.

Yukon Sport 4 Life Program

The Yukon Sport 4 Life (YS4L) program was established in 2008. It supports coach and athlete development in the territory with a specific focus on encouraging rural and First Nation participation in sport. As well as providing annual grants, the program also supports the Kids Recreation Fund, Respect in Sport programs, the In-Territory Travel Fund, the Physical Literacy program, the Moving to Inclusion initiative and the Special Olympics Development Games.

Yukon Sport 4 Life is funded by the Government of Yukon and a bilateral funding arrangement with Sport Canada. Sports organizations across the territory apply through a proposal process which is adjudicated by a peer group of sport experts and a member of YRAC.

High Performance Funding

This program is specifically for Yukon athletes selected by their sport organization. The training and development of sport officials may also be supported through this program. The High Performance program is funded through a revenue sharing agreement between the Yukon Lottery Commission and the Government of Yukon.

Elite Athlete Program

The Elite Athlete program is supported by the Yukon government as part of the Yukon Sport 4 Life (YS4L) program and focuses on Yukon's Carded Athletes*.

(*A Carded Athlete is someone identified by Sport Canada as having the greatest potential to achieve top results at Olympic/Paralympic Games and World Championships. See Athlete Assistance Program for more details.)

2014 – 2015 Sport Organizations Funding by Funding Program

Organization	YRAC*	YS4L**	TOTAL
Alpine Ski Association	\$9,000	\$5,000	\$14,000
Arctic Edge Skating Club	9,000	25,900	34,900
Athletic Yukon	6,000	4,000	10,000
Basketball Yukon	29,435	25,000	54,435
Biathlon Yukon	10,500	8,000	18,500
Canoe and Kayak	5,000		5,000
Cross Country Yukon	90,000	52,500	142,500

Cycling Association of Yukon	2,500	4,500	7,000
Equine Association of Yukon	4,500	10,500	15,000
Judo Yukon	8,500	4,700	13,200
Snowboard Yukon Association	10,000	9,000	19,000
Softball Yukon	15,000		15,000
Sport Yukon	127,000		127,000
Squash Yukon	13,500	8,000	21,500
Swim Yukon	37,000	32,500	69,500
Synchro Yukon Association	5,000	4,500	9,500
Table Tennis Yukon	2,500	1,500	4,000
Tennis Yukon Association	8,500	10,350	18,850
Volleyball Yukon	25,000	10,000	35,000
Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle	32,000	6,000	38,000
Yukon Amateur Hockey Association	65,000	45,350	110,350
Yukon Amateur Speed Skating Association	11,000	6,300	17,300
Yukon Badminton Association	3,000	2,000	5,000
Yukon Curling Association	7,000	3,500	10,500
Yukon Freestyle Ski Association	12,000	24,500	36,500
Yukon Golf Association			

	4,500	7,000	11,500
Yukon Gymnastic Association	27,500	26,000	53,500
Yukon Orienteering Association	6,000	2,750	8,750
Yukon Shooting Federation	3,000		3,000
Yukon Soccer Association	88,000	51,000	139,000
Total Funding for Sport Organizations	\$676,935	\$390,350	\$1,067,285
Yukon Special Recreation Groups			
ElderActive Recreation Association	12,000		12,000
Girl Guides – Yukon Council	11,000		11,000
Recreation & Parks Association of the Yukon	70,000		70,000
Skookum Jim Friendship Centre	60,000		60,000
Yukon Scout Council	11,000		11,000
Yukon Special Olympics	20,000		20,000
Total Special Recreation Groups	184,000		184,000
TOTAL Funding	\$860,935	\$390,350	\$1,251,285

* YRAC - Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee

**YS4L - Yukon Sport for Life Program

2014 – 2015 High Performance Program

Sport	Last Name	First Name	Granted

Freestyle Skiing	Geoffroy-Gagnon	Etienne	\$ 5,000
Cross Country Skiing	Hanthorn	Annah	6,000
Snowboarding	Melvin-McNutt	Max	5,500
Figure Skating	Pettitt	Rachel	4,000
Curling	Scoffin	Thomas	5,000
Orienteering	Bray	Trevor	2,000
Cross Country Skiing	Cash	Simon	3,250
Speed Skating	Clarke	Heather	3,000
Cross Country Skiing	Deuling	Hannah	3,000
Cross Country Skiing	Deuling	Marcus	3,750
Freestyle Skiing	Harlow	Josh	4,000
Figure Skating	Hoffman	Bryn	3,750
Cross Country Skiing	Hynes	Natalie	2,750
Cross Country Skiing	McLean	Caelan	4,500
Cross Country Skiing	Murray	Kendra	3,500
Canoe & Kayak	Vincent-Braun	Pelly	4,000
Curling	Jensen	Trygg	1,250
Curling	Klassen	Brayden	1,250
Curling	Wallingham	Joseph	1,250

Biathlon	Adel	Liam	1,000
Freestyle Skiing	Allen	Aiden	1,500
Freestyle Skiing	Allen	Kyran	1,500
Orienteering	Blake	Pia	1,000
Orienteering	Blake	Leif	750
Hockey	Burke	Angela	1,500
Biathlon	Draper	Jake	1,250
Boxing	Evans-Ehricht	Roan	1,250
Swimming	Lindsay	Cassis	2,250
Swimming	Lindsay	Rennes	2,000
Biathlon	Moser	Nadia	2,000
Biathlon	Peters	Maria	1,500
Cycling	Skerget	Spencer	2,500
			\$86,750
Officials			
Freestyle Skiing	Harlow	Lynda	1,000
Squash	Toleman	Chris	500
Potential Bonuses for World Championships			2,500
Total Funding for High Performance			\$90,750

**2014 – 2015 Elite Athletes Program
Elite Athletes (Carded by Sport Canada)**

Aiden Love	\$ 10,000
Zach Bell	10,000
Knute Johnsgaard	10,000
Dahria Beatty	10,000
Emily Nishikawa	10,000
Total Elite Athletes	\$ 50,000

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