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

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

"I am pleased to announce our continued support of Yukon's many sport and recreation organizations, athletes, coaches and officials," Minister of Community Services Currie Dixon said. "We are proud to contribute to a better quality of life for Yukoners through investments in sport and recreation. From pre-schoolers to pensioners, we aim to create opportunities for all Yukoners to live active, healthy lifestyles."

This year, 26 sport organizations and five special recreation groups will receive financial support through the Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee program while the sport organizations will also receive grants through the Yukon Sport 4 Life program. The High Performance program will fund 34 individual athletes and officials and the Elite Athlete program will invest in four Yukon athletes who have been identified by national sport organizations.

The funding will help sport organizations conduct activities related to athlete development, leadership development, facility operations and maintenance and more. Additionally, the funding will help sport organizations prepare for major events like the 2017 Canada Summer Games and 2017 North American Indigenous Games.

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See background.

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BACKGROUND

2016-17 Sport and Recreation Funding by Funding Program

Organization	Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee (YRAC) Funding	Yukon Sport 4 Life Funding
Alpine Skiing	\$17,000	\$10,500
Athletics	\$16,000	\$11,500
Basketball	\$33,000	\$20,000
Biathlon	\$18,000	\$12,000
Canoe & Kayak	\$18,000	\$15,000
Cross Country Skiing	\$100,000	\$58,000
Curling	\$10,000	\$4,000
Cycling	\$9,000	\$4,000

Equine	\$8,000	\$4,500
Figure Skating	\$16,000	\$22,500
Freestyle Skiing	\$17,000	\$19,000
Golf	\$7,500	\$5,000
Gymnastics	\$34,000	\$27,500
Hockey	\$70,000	\$44,000
Judo	\$18,000	\$9,500
Orienteering	\$10,000	\$2,800
Shooting	\$5,000	
Snowboarding	\$17,000	\$9,000
Soccer	\$90,000	\$45,000
Speed Skating	\$11,000	\$7,000
Squash	\$14,000	\$5,000
Swimming	\$44,000	\$39,000
Synchro	\$12,000	\$6,000
Table Tennis	\$7,500	\$4,200
Tennis	\$15,000	\$5,000
Volleyball	\$38,000	\$15,000
Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle		\$15,000
Total	\$655,000	\$420,000
Special Recreation Groups		
Girl Guides of Canada – Yukon Council	\$13,000	
Yukon Scout Council	\$20,000	
Skookum Jim Friendship Centre	\$58,000	

ElderActive Recreation Association	\$25,000	
Friends of Mount Sima	\$29,000	
Total	\$145,000	
GRAND TOTAL	\$800,000	\$420,000

2016-17 High Performance Grant Allocations

Athlete	Sport	Funding
Kyran Allen	Freestyle Skiing	\$3,500
Heather Clarke	Speed Skating	\$3,250
Marcus Deuling	Cross Country Skiing	\$4,000
Etienne Geoffroy-Gagnon	Freestyle Skiing	\$4,500
Bryn Hoffman	Figure Skating	\$6,500
Natalie Hynes	Cross Country Skiing	\$6,500
Caelan McLean	Cross Country Skiing	\$4,250
Nadia Moser	Biathlon	\$7,000
Rachel Pettitt	Figure Skating	\$6,000
Thomas Scoffin	Curling	\$5,000
Pelly Vincent-Braun	Canoe & Kayak	\$5,500
Liam Adel	Biathlon	\$1,500
Bryce Anderson	Hockey	\$2,000
Leif Blake	Orienteering	\$750
Pia Blake	Orienteering	\$1,000
Oscar Burgess	Hockey	\$1,250
Dylan Cozens	Hockey	\$2,500
Hannah Deuling	Cross Country Skiing	\$3,800
Jake Draper	Biathlon	\$2,000
Ryan Hindson	Basketball	\$2,500

Crystal Legoffe	Snowboarding	\$2,000
Cassis Lindsay	Swimming	\$2,500
Rennes Lindsay	Swimming	\$2,750
Madison Nickleson	Hockey	\$2,250
Niko Rodden	Freestyle Skiing	\$2,500
Amanda Thomson	Cross Country Skiing	\$3,000
Adam Waddington	Snowboarding	\$2,000
Brett Walchuk	Hockey	\$1,250
Kyron Crosby	Hockey	\$2,000
Emily King	Gymnastics	\$1,500
Hannah Kingscote	Swimming	\$1,500
Mikayla Kramer	Figure Skating	\$2,500
Adrian Robinson	Swimming	\$1,500
Money set aside for individuals attending World Championships		\$7,450
Total		\$108,000
Officials		
Lynda Harlow	Yukon Freestyle Ski Association	\$1,000
Tony Gaw	Yukon Soccer Association	\$1,000
Total		\$2,000
GRAND TOTAL		\$110,000

2016-17 Elite Athlete Funding

Athlete	Sport	Funding
Dahria Beatty	Cross Country Skiing	\$11,500
Jessica Frotten	Athletics – Paralympic	\$11,500

Knute Johnsgaard	Cross Country Skiing	\$11,500
Emily Nishikawa	Cross Country Skiing	\$11,500
GRAND TOTAL		\$46,000

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