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New Canadians Event Fund available to support cultural projects and events

WHITEHORSE—In celebration of Canadian Multiculturalism Day, Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor encourages organizers of projects that share diverse cultures to consider accessing the New Canadians Event Fund.

"The Government of Yukon recognizes the significant contributions that people of all backgrounds make to the territory when they choose to make Yukon their permanent home," Taylor said. "We're proud of our growing cultural diversity, and the New Canadians Event fund is a valuable resource to showcase those cultures."

In 2015, three Yukon organizations received funding for events celebrating Yukon's multicultural community:

- Teenage Life & Young Adults International received \$5,000 in funding for A Night of Africa;
- the Canadian Filipino Association of Yukon received \$4,154 in funding for their seventh annual Autumn Moon Festival; and
- the Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon received \$5,000 in funding for Japanese Village Festival.

"The 2015 Yukon African Music festival attracted 204 people of all ages and backgrounds," Teenage Life & Young Adults International president Leonard Boniface said. "It is our intention to continue this as an annual event that connects Yukoners with African music, culture, people and traditions."

Eligible activities or projects include Yukon public festivals or events that celebrate communities of new Canadians and their cultures as well as demonstrate community involvement. Eligible applicants must be a registered non-profit society based in Yukon and:

- have primarily a cultural or multicultural mandate, or be otherwise significantly engaged in cultural or multicultural activity; and
- have an interest in assisting new Canadians with their transition to living in Yukon.

The objective of the New Canadian Event Fund is to support and celebrate Yukon's diverse multiculturalism. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Learn more:

New Canadians Event Fund

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