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Yukon youth receive support for variety of projects through the Youth Investment Fund

WHITEHORSE—Yukon youth are benefiting from a contribution of almost \$53,000 towards 16 projects through the Youth Investment Fund.

Projects include an after school sports program in Whitehorse, male and female high performance hockey camps in Haines Junction, a youth conference and job fair in Mayo, an art enrichment project in Dawson City, a youth-coached figure skating program, and group violin classes taught by youth.

"I am pleased by the wide range of projects being supported through the Youth Investment Fund," Premier and Minister responsible for the Youth Directorate Darrell Pasloski said. "These projects help to support Yukon youth by encouraging them to participate in fulfilling activities that enhance their communities."

Sponsored by the departments of Education, Health and Social Services, Justice, and Community Services, the Youth Investment Fund supports short-term, community-driven initiatives throughout Yukon, which address the needs and interests of youth under 19 years of age.

Community groups can apply for up to \$5,000 twice a year. Since the fund's inception in 1995, 563 projects have been supported. The next intake deadline is April 2, 2012.

The Youth Directorate's aims are to increase youth awareness and involvement in programs throughout Yukon, help youth contribute to their communities and to improve the health of Yukon youth. Visit the Youth Directorate for more information.

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Backgrounder: Youth Investment Fund Fall 2011 Recipients

	Group/Association	Project	Awarded
1	Skookum Jim Friendship Centre	After School Sports Program	\$5,000
2	Carcross Recreation Board	Community Building	\$4,850

3	Haines Junction Minor Hockey Association	Male & Female High Performance Hockey Camps	\$4,425
4	Arctic Edge Skating Club Program	Assistant Subsidy and Youth Coach Wage Subsidies	\$4,332
5	Village of Teslin	Youth to Youth	\$4,000
6	Town of Faro	Youth Fusion	\$3,881
7	Town of Watson Lake	Youth Groups	\$3,500
8	Champagne Aishihik First Nation	Youth Junction Skiing Club	\$3,200
9	First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun	Annual Youth Conference and Job Fair	\$3,000
10	Skookum Jim Friendship Centre	After School Tutoring Program	\$3,000
11	Ta'an Kwäch'än Council	Ta'an Youth Go to Mount Sima	\$3,000
12	Yukon Youth Outdoor Leadership Association	Yukon Youth Outdoor Leadership Association	\$3,000
13	Kluane First Nation	Kluane Lake School and Kluane First Nation Youth Arts & Culture	\$2,500
14	Dawson City Arts Society	KIAC Youth Art Enrichment	\$2,000
15	Yukon Circle of Change	Katy Hutchison Presents	\$1,675
16	Suzuki String Association Group	Violin Classes Taught by Youth	\$1,365
		Total:	\$52,728

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