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## \$920,370 in sport and recreation grants awarded today

WHITEHORSE—Community Services Minister Archie Lang today announced \$920,370 in grants to be awarded to Yukon sport and recreation groups for 2011-12.

"This annual funding provides vital support to sport and recreation programs and services for our youth, families and Yukon residents of all ages," Lang said. "We recognize the importance of active living for building healthy and sustainable communities."

Twenty-six Yukon sport governing bodies will receive \$519,670, and seven Yukon special recreation groups will receive \$182,700. Sport Yukon will receive \$120,000 to support its core operations and program delivery. Individual awards for the additional \$98,000 which is allocated to the High Performance Athletes and Officials program will be announced separately.

Each year, the Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee (YRAC) reviews funding applications from Yukon organizations. "I'm amazed at the opportunities these groups provide, and the number of Yukon people participating in sport and recreation in the territory," YRAC Chair Ron McFadyen said.

"Providing opportunities for sport, recreation and active living is an investment in the health of individuals and the health of our communities," Lang added.

Funding for the annual YRAC grants is made possible by a revenue sharing agreement between the Yukon Lottery Commission and the Government of Yukon. The grants are adjudicated by the Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee and administered by Community Services.

For a complete list of the grants awarded, visit Sport and Recreation online at www.community.gov.yk.ca.

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