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Government supports 14 projects through the Arts Fund

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is awarding \$140,750 to 14 groups undertaking arts projects in Yukon.

"The Yukon government is pleased to support a very diverse range of groups and activities with the Arts Fund," Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor said.

The recently formed Whitehorse Independent Theatre will receive \$25,000 for a community theatre project titled *My Brain is Plastic*, which will raise awareness of addictions and self-harming behaviours among youth.

"Receiving support from the Arts Fund will allow Whitehorse Independent Theatre to go to Watson Lake and Whitehorse with a community engagement project," artistic director Arlin McFarlane said. "This project has been over two years in the making and we are extremely grateful for this support."

The Dawson City Music Festival Association received funds for its Yukon Girls Rock Camp. The camp, for girls aged eight to 15 years, will offer unique programming that combines music education and performance with empowerment and social justice workshops led by positive role models.

"With the support of Arts Fund, the Dawson City Music Festival will be able to offer hands-on music programming through Girls Rock Camp," association executive director Emily Farrell said. "The Arts Fund will enable Girls Rock Camp to access necessary resources such as instruments and instructors, and will ensure that the camp is an accessible and well-rounded experience for girls in Dawson and rural Yukon."

The Arts Fund fosters the creative development of the arts in Yukon by supporting collectives, organisations, industry associations and other eligible groups in activities related to the literary, visual or performing arts.

Arts Fund application deadlines are the 15th of March, June, September and December.

Learn more:

Arts Fund

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See list of recipients below.

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Arts Fund Recipients – March 15 funding intake

Applicant	Project	Amount Allocated
Whitehorse Independent Theatre	<i>My Brain is Plastic</i> – an arts-based community collaboration	\$25,000
Borealis Soul	Full On Yukon: Community Tour	\$16,000
Yukon Art Society	Arts Up Front 2015	\$15,000
Breakdancing Yukon Society	Hip hop multi-genre creation workshop and performance project	\$12,000
The Plein Air Collective	Yukon Plein Air Festival 2015	\$12,000
Junction Arts & Music Society	Artist residence program	\$11,000
Dawson City Music Festival Association	Yukon Girls Rock Camp	\$10,000
Extremely Moving Youth Society	History of Street Dance	\$10,000
Ramshackle Theatre Society	<i>Tombstone: A Sci-Fi Western</i> workshop and presentation	\$8,000
Whitehorse Photography Club	2015 fall workshop	\$6,500
Friends of Dempster Country society	Art Magic in Tombstone artist residency and First Nation traditional crafts	\$6,000
Lorne Mountain Community Association	2015 arts events	\$4,500

Yukon Writers' Collective Ink	2016 Mammoth Writers' Conference	\$4,000
Cold Cuts Video Festival Collective	Cold Cuts Media Art Festival 2015	\$750
	Totals:	\$140,750

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