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Youth Investment Fund supports culture, community and education initiatives

WHITEHORSE—The Youth Investment Fund is providing \$57,000 in funding this winter to communities across Yukon, \$36,000 of which will go towards community, culture and education initiatives.

"The Yukon government is happy to provide opportunities for youth through supportive initiatives such as the Youth Investment Fund," Premier and minister responsible for the Youth Directorate Darrell Pasloski said. "These worthy projects will enrich the lives of young people across the territory this winter."

The Youth Investment Fund supports short-term community-driven initiatives throughout Yukon, addressing the needs and interests of youth under 19 years of age. Funded projects aim to promote self-esteem or create social or recreational opportunities.

"I was very excited and grateful to be approved for funding through the Youth Investment Fund," Health and Hope for Families youth outreach worker Joy Reams said. "The funds mean I can continue our weekly girls' night and expand our current activities. I am looking forward to starting a youth initiative through the local school to bring awareness and action to issues like violence against women, bullying, and racism."

The next Youth Investment Fund intake is April 1, for applications for amounts over \$500 and up to \$5,000. Applications to the fund for amounts less than \$500 can be submitted at any time.

Learn more: Youth Investment Fund

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See list of culture, community and education project recipients below.

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Youth Investment Fund Fall 2014: awarded funding for community, culture and education projects

Group/Association	Project	Awarded
All-City Band Society	All-City Jazz Band Trip to Carmacks, Pelly and Dawson	2,500
Boys and Girls Club of Yukon	Community Stewardship Pilot Program	3,340
Eliza Van Bibber School	Girls Night Out	4,500
Fiddleheads Yukon	Barndance Band	2,500
First Nation of Na-cho Nyäk Dun	Winter Camp 2014	1,000
Help and Hope for Families	Help and Hope Youth Outreach	4,900
Liard First Nation	2nd Annual "Uplifting & Empowering Our Youth" conference	4,500
Mothers Against Drunk Driving	MADD Canada School Assembly Program	3,000
Northern Cultural Expressions Society	Eagles and Condor: a North-South Cultural Collaboration	3,100
Ross River Dena Council	Winter Fun Christmas Event	1,800
Yukon College – Science Adventures	All-Girls Science Club	3,000
Yukon Literacy Coalition	The Generation Exchange – Oral Histories & Mentor Project	2,200
	Total	¢36 340

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