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Crime prevention funding awarded to six Yukon community projects

WHITEHORSE—Four First Nation governments and two Yukon community organizations are receiving funding from the Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund. The funding, totalling \$131,200, has been awarded to Yukon projects that contribute to either crime prevention or victim support.

"Each of the organizations receiving funding demonstrates creative, community-minded approaches to crime prevention and services for victims," Minister of Justice Brad Cathers said. "These projects reach a number of demographics and communities with the goal of fostering skill development that serves to enhance community safety."

This funding cycle's recipients include: Carcross/Tagish First Nation, Heart of Riverdale Community Centre Society, Les EssentiElles, Kwanlin Dün First Nation, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation.

The Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund is awarded twice a year for eligible projects that are intended to: reduce crime; prevent violence against women and children; address the root causes of crime; provide services and information to victims of crime; or provide information about crime prevention and victimization.

"Strong communities lessen the isolation of individuals, assist in developing respect for the property of others, enhance community spirit and provide citizens with a sense of belonging," Heart of Riverdale Community Centre Society president Sue Starr said. "The funding support from the Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund will help us seed more robust development of our *Belonging at the Heart* programs, which address crime prevention through social development."

The fund has supported Yukon community groups since 1998. Proposals are reviewed by the Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund Board of Trustees. Board members include community members and representatives from the Yukon government, First Nations, women's organizations and the RCMP.

The next application deadline is 4:30 p.m. on August 18, 2015.

Learn more: Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund

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Backgrounder – Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund funding recipients

Carcross/Tagish First Nation – \$30,000 for the Carcross Men's Initiative: Working Together for a Safe and Strong Community. This project aims to establish a support network for men to work together to tackle important challenges such as violence for the benefit of the whole community. The project will hold nine monthly gatherings. Attendees will learn skills through improving camp infrastructure, guest speakers will present on relevant topics and counselling sessions will be available. Contact: Nelson Lepine, 867-821-4251 ext. 8240.

Heart of Riverdale Community Centre Society – \$16,000 for Belonging at the Heart: Starting Early. This program includes a Girls Group program, a Parent-Child Mother Goose program and a Teen Drop-In program. Each group will have a different focus, but emphasis is placed on learning, communication and skills development. Contact: Sue Starr, 867-334-6629.

Les EssentiElles – \$16,000 for Engaging Men to get Consent 2015/16. This project is a bilingual public awareness campaign about consent and sexualized assault through games and activities at graduations, summer festivals and other gatherings. Contact: Maryne Dumaine, 867-668-2636.

Kwanlin Dün First Nation – \$25,000 for Youth Fighting Lateral Violence. This project will see eight Yukon youth hired and mentored to develop a workshop with the goal of exposing and reducing lateral violence. These youth will then deliver the workshop to other youth in the community. Contact: Roxanne Vallevand, 867-633-7863.

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations – \$10,000 for Traditional and Life Skills Program. This project consists of two programs – one for men with training in drum making, anger management, trauma and healthy communication and relationship skills. The other program will be for women and consist of cedar hat making and safety training. Contact: Jocelyn Kinney, 867-634-4010.

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation – \$34,200 for Youth Dooli and Community Enhancement Project. This program will see five youth hired for a period of eight weeks. They will attend retreats to learn about Dooli and language. The other five weeks will comprise Standard First Aid training and compilation of data and materials collected at the retreats. Contact: Bob Patles, 867-863-5576 ext. 314.

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