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## Cultural and heritage institutions supported through special projects funding program

WHITEHORSE—Yukon museums, First Nations cultural centres and the Yukon Historical and Museums Association will share almost \$400,000 in project funding through the Special Projects Capital Assistance Program.

"These culture and heritage institutions contribute significantly to protecting and interpreting Yukon's natural and cultural heritage," Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor said. "We are proud to support these institutions as they work to preserve the territory's history for present and future generations and for our many visitors."

The Special Projects Capital Assistance Program, established in 2006, provides financial assistance for joint marketing initiatives, artifact inventory and cataloguing, exhibit planning and development, small or specialized capital acquisitions, conservation and revenue generation. Funding applications are reviewed by a panel of three museum professionals.

"The Miles Canyon Historic Railway is grateful for the Department of Tourism and Culture's continued support of our programs and facilities at the Copperbelt Railway and Mining Museum," executive director Angela Drainville said. "This investment will allow us to continue to grow our services and improve exhibitions through planning and tour development."

An additional \$30,000 was made available for the Special Projects Capital Assistance Program in 2015/16. Approximately \$340,000 was provided in project support, with \$60,000 in supplementary funding distributed evenly to the museum unit's 18 clients.

"This funding will help the Selkirk First Nation digitize it's collection at the Big Jonathan Centre," centre manager Teri-Lee Isaac said. "This work helps to ensure our artifacts and data are preserved and are safely stored for future generations."

The Yukon government announced an overall increase in funding for museums and First Nations cultural centres in February to ensure their sustainable operation. Through the Museum Contribution Program, 11 museums and seven First Nation cultural centres will receive an operating funding increase of 10 per cent in the 2015/16 fiscal year and another 10 per cent in 2016/17, subject to legislative approval. With this increase, the overall budget supporting museums and cultural centres in Yukon in the next two years will have grown more than 300 per cent since 2002.

### Learn more:

Yukon Museums funding

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See list of recipients below.

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### Special Projects Capital Assistance Program – 2015/16 recipients

Applicant	Name of Project	Amount Allocated

Big Jonathan House	Artifact inventory and cataloguing	20,000
Campbell Region Interpretive Centre	Back deck replacement	20,000
Copperbelt Railway and Mining Museum	Outdoor exhibition/interpretation development	20,000
Da Kų Cultural Centre	Da Kų feature exhibit development	17,860
Dānojà Zho Cultural Centre	Tr'ondëk Hwëchin oral history recording backlog project – phase 1	20,000
Dawson City Museum	Curatorial component of permanent exhibitions development	40,000
Keno City Mining Museum	Sawmill Shelter walls, windows and doors	14,940
Kluane Museum of Natural History	Equipment purchase and installation proposal	7,230
Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre	Kwanlin Dün collections management and preparedness plan	20,000
MacBride Museum	MacBride education program expansion	40,000
MacBride Museum	Conservation 2015 - CCI implementation year 2	20,000
Old Log Church Museum	Multimedia and exhibition project: The Exham Years in Old Crow	19,810
Yukon Transportation Museum	YTM at 25: Moving Forward	39,690
YHMA	Yukon heritage attractions – joint marketing 2015/16	40,000
Distributed evenly among the 18 Museum unit clients	Priority projects	60,000
		<b>Total: \$399,530</b>

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