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Three-year funding supports women's organizations

WHITEHORSE—Eight women's organizations will receive funding in the amount of \$900,000 over three years that will support important work towards advancing women's equality in the territory, Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate Elaine Taylor announced today.

"Women's organizations in Yukon work to address a range of issues including violence prevention, education, skills development and leadership," Taylor said. "The Yukon government is pleased to provide long-term funding that will help women's organizations achieve their goals and meaningfully address the needs of Yukon women and families."

The Government of Yukon Women's Equality Fund (WEF) was initiated in 2007 to support Yukon organizations in their work towards women's equality. The program was established in response to a need identified by women's organizations for more sustained funding. The funding provided during 2007 to 2010 was \$175,000 annually and increased to \$300,000 per year for the period 2010 to 2013.

"The fund will provide operational stability to Les EssentiElles and enable our organization to take innovative approaches to address the needs of Francophone women in Yukon," Les EssentiElles director Ketsia Houde said.

The Women's Equality Fund supports the Women's Directorate goals of providing direct services to women, research and advocacy, and public education.

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BACKGROUNDER

The following groups will receive annual funding in this amount from 2013 to 2016:

GROUP	AMOUNT
Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre	\$47,500

Yukon Status of Women Council	\$41,500
Les EssentiElles	\$38,000
Whitehorse Aboriginal Women's Circle	\$38,000
Yukon Women in Trades and Technology	\$37,000
Yukon Aboriginal Women's Council	\$35,000
Elizabeth Fry Society Yukon	\$33,000
Liard Aboriginal Women's Society	\$30,000

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