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Yukon government funding to support Aboriginal women's priorities

WHITEHORSE—Yukon Aboriginal women's organizations will receive new funding from the Yukon government in the amount of \$450,000 over three years in support of furthering equality for Aboriginal women, the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate Elaine Taylor said.

This funding, subject to legislative approval, will be for projects to support work to address priorities identified at the Yukon Aboriginal Women's Summit (YAWS 2) held last fall.

"The Summit *Strong Women, Strong Communities: Restoring our Balance* provided an opportunity for Yukon Aboriginal Women to determine and set priorities for further work on issues of importance to Aboriginal women throughout the territory," Taylor said. "Ongoing work designed and led by Aboriginal women will aid our common goal of healthy families and communities."

The Women's Directorate and the Yukon Advisory Council on Women's Issues co-hosted the second Yukon Aboriginal Women's Summit at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre in Whitehorse last October. Approximately 80 Aboriginal women attended along with Yukon government ministers, First Nation chiefs and government officials.

"We look forward to working with the Yukon government in setting priorities and the direction for future work that will advance the status of Aboriginal women in Yukon," Yukon Aboriginal Women's Council president Chantal Genier said.

This work will build on the success of a series of projects in partnership with Aboriginal women's groups and Yukon First Nations after previous YAWS summits in 2007. Aboriginal women's groups and Yukon government have worked together to implement recommendations from the 2007 Yukon Aboriginal Women's Summits (YAWS) with funding from the Northern Strategy Trust. These projects, to conclude in March 2013, include the Yukon Sisters in Spirit campaign and a role model and mentorship program for Aboriginal women.

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