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Communities get a boost in core funding from the Yukon government

BEAVER CREEK—Unincorporated Yukon communities will see an increase of \$400,000 in core funding from the Community Recreation Assistance Grant (CRAG) starting in 2015-16.

"Active living is an important aspect of healthy, sustainable Yukon communities," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "We are pleased to update this important grant, providing increases for rural Yukon."

The Community Recreation Assistance Grant provides core funding to 12 unincorporated Yukon communities for recreation, wellness and active living opportunities.

"We are pleased to continue working with our community recreation partners," Minister of Community Services Brad Cathers said. "We are committed to supporting them as they work towards our shared goals of ensuring facilities are open and programming is offered."

CRAG funding helps to pay for maintenance and operation of infrastructure, staffing and other costs required to offer programming.

"There has been a lot of interest from local residents in CRAG funding and accessing dollars for recreational opportunities", MLA for Kluane Wade Istchenko said. "I was proud to work on behalf of my constituents and am looking forward to how this will benefit Yukoners. I would like to thank the Yukon government, the communities of Beaver Creek, Burwash Landing, Destruction Bay and all who helped make this a reality."

The grant will see a total increase of almost \$400,000 which will be divided among 12 communities across Yukon. Along with this increase and as stipulated in Recreation Act regulations, the grant's formula will be updated to better reflect current needs and operating expenses.

"Sport, recreation and social gatherings are crucial to maintaining a healthy community," Tristan Nieman from the Beaver Creek Community Club said. "The Community Recreation Assistance Grant is a big support in helping us offer programs and opportunities for residents to get together and be active."

Minister Cathers made this announcement with the community in Beaver Creek on November 14, along with Premier Darrell Pasloski, MLA Wade Ischenko and representatives from both the White River First Nation and the community's recreation club.

Learn more: Community Recreation Assistance Grant

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