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Fund supports projects to preserve Yukon's built heritage

WHITEHORSE—Fourteen individuals and organizations will share \$100,000 from the Historic Properties Assistance Program toward the stabilization, restoration or interpretation of their historic properties.

"The Yukon government is proud to support Yukoners committed to preserving our unique historic buildings and properties in communities throughout the territory," Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon said. "Their vision and dedication helps to ensure that this irreplaceable part of our heritage is available for future generations to learn from and enjoy."

The Historic Properties Assistance Program was created in recognition of the need to preserve privately owned historic properties in Yukon. Technical and financial assistance is available to those applicants with sites that are deemed historically significant and whose plans follow the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*.

This year's projects include the stabilization of the Shadow/Stick Cabin in Champagne, a foundation upgrade for the Keno City Snack Bar in Keno and the exterior restoration of the Freddie and Nina Johnston House in Teslin.

For a second year, Trina Buhler of Dawson City has received Historic Properties Assistance funding for restoration of the NAT&TCo. (North American Transportation and Trading Company) residences from the Gold Rush era.

"The restoration and reuse of historic structures is typically fraught with obstacles and financial reasons not to move forward," Buhler said. "The Historic Properties Assistance Program was well laid out and simple to use and, for my project, created a level playing field where the cost to restore was equivalent to building new."

The annual application deadline for Historic Properties Assistance is March 1. This fund offers matching contributions to Yukon First Nations, community groups, individuals and businesses who wish to stabilize or restore a historic property.

Learn more: [Historic Properties Assistance Program](#)

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See backgrounder below.

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Backgrounder: Historic Properties Assistance 2014 funding recipients

	Applicant	Project Description	Amount Allocated
1	Anne Morgan	Mining Recorder's Office, Carcross To reconstruct and reroof	\$7,000
2	Elaine Chambers	Chambers Store, Haines Junction To reroof	\$4,950
3	Champagne and Aishihik First Nations	Shadow/Stick Cabin, Champagne To stabilize log building, including foundation and roof work	\$7,000
4	Chris and Stephanie Cleland	Cleland House, Dawson City To upgrade foundation	\$4,604
5	City of Dawson	Bank of Commerce, Dawson City To isolate roof from hazardous materials in building, repair roof	\$20,000
6	Trina Buhler	1-256 York St. (NAT&TCo. Residence) Dawson City To complete exterior restoration	\$4,486
7	Trina Buhler	2-256 York St. (NAT&TCo. Residence) Dawson City To complete exterior restoration	\$4,486
8	Mel Besharah	Peterson Cabin, Dawson City To replace foundation and roof	\$7,000
9	Drew Ball	Drew Ball Cabin, Rock Creek Subdivision To replace the foundation	\$5,726
10	Leo Martel	Keno City Hotel, Keno City To continue foundation replacement work, repair/replace windows, and repair roof	\$7,000
11	Mike Mancini	Keno City Snack Bar, Keno City To replace the foundation	\$7,000
12	Russell and Samantha McDiarmid	McDiarmid House, Mayo To replace siding, roof covering and boot room	\$3,000
13	Teslin Tlingit Council	Freddie and Nina Johnston House, Teslin To restore exterior of house and stabilize the shed	\$7,000
14	MacBride Museum	Whitehorse Telegraph Office, Whitehorse To conduct an engineering assessment and create signage	\$3,750
15	Yukon Church Heritage Society	Log Church Rectory, Whitehorse To rechalk, replace eavestroughing, repair one log post, and perform selected shingle replacements	\$7,000

	Total	\$100,002
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