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## **New fund helping to celebrate multiculturalism in Yukon**

WHITEHORSE—Since the New Canadians Event Fund was announced in March, three organizations have accessed it to host cultural events.

The fund supports organizations hosting festivals and other events that celebrate Yukon's multiculturalism and promote diversity.

"The Yukon government recognizes the important role that arts and culture play in contributing to the social and economic life of Yukon," Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon said. "This fund supports newcomers in sharing their unique culture which helps to reduce the isolation of new Canadians and strengthens the expanding cultural fabric of Yukon."

Three organizations have accessed a total of \$9,341 from the fund:

- Teenage Life & Young Adults International Society (TELIYA International): \$2,662 in June for 'A Night of Africa' showcasing African traditions and cultures through music, presentations, food and dance.
- The Yukon China Community Association: \$1,679 for a Chinese cultural show featuring art, dance and a special ceremony in June.
- The Chinese Canadian Association of Yukon: \$5,000 to host a Chinese New Year celebration in February.

"Teenage Life and Young Adults International Society helps empower youth and adults to contribute to social development both locally and globally through cultural initiatives, volunteering and exchange programs," TELIYA International president Leonard Boniface said. "Our event, 'A Night of Africa' helped raise funds for a mobile medical clinic for East Africa."

The New Canadians Event Fund provides \$50,000 annually to support multicultural events. Applications are accepted throughout the year with up to \$5,000 available for each applicant. Those interested are encouraged to speak to the fund administrator before preparing their application.

"The Chinese Canadian Association of Yukon is very pleased to be able to access this fund to support Chinese New Year celebrations," association president Dr. Xiu-Mei Zhang said. "Our organization aims to share the richness of Chinese culture with each other and our Yukon friends and family, and this event is just one way to achieve that goal."

### **Learn more:**

New Canadian Event Fund or contact the fund administrator at 867-667-8789.

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