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Six Yukon organizations receive funding from Crime Prevention Victims Trust Fund

WHITEHORSE—Six community groups are sharing \$105,250 in funding from the Crime Prevention Victims Trust Fund to support projects such as a summer day camp for youth and a course about access to housing.

"These grassroots efforts to prevent crime and support its victims are important to the safety and health of our communities," Minister of Justice Mike Nixon said. "When government, First Nations, police and local organizations work together, all community members benefit."

This year's funding goes to: Blood Ties Four Directions, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (Yukon Chapter), Yukon Women's Transition Home Society, Breakdancing Yukon Society, Les Essentielles and the Skookum Jim Friendship Centre.

"We are grateful to Crime Prevention Victims Trust Fund for supporting our efforts to prevent sexual assault, and for making our community summer events safer," said Natasha Harvey, acting executive director of Les Essentielles.

The Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund awards funding twice a year for eligible projects intended to: reduce crime; prevent violence against women and children; address the root causes of crime; provide services and information to victims of crime; or provide information about crime prevention and victimization.

The fund has supported Yukon community groups since 1998. The next application deadline is August 14, 2014.

Learn more:

Visit www.crimepreventionfundyukon.ca, or call 456-6822, toll-free 1-800-661-0408, ext. 6822.

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See list of recipients.

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Blood Ties Four Directions Centre (BTFDC) – \$9,360 for the Tenant Wisdom–Increasing Access to Housing project. Tenant Wisdom is a two-day housing course offered to people who are marginalized and at risk of committing crime due to housing circumstances, incarceration and/or illicit drug use or alcoholism. The course will be offered at BTFDC, the Whitehorse Correctional Centre, and in Carcross, Carmacks, Teslin and Haines Junction. The BTFDC Housing Navigator will develop and deliver the course and provide follow-up support services. Contact: Patricia Bacon, 335-9067, executivedirector@klondiker.com

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Whitehorse Chapter – \$3,186 for the 2013/14 School Assembly Program. This project will see MADD present five 45-minute school assembly presentations of *Smashed* (English) and *Impact* (French) to Whitehorse secondary schools. The presentation aims to increase awareness of the danger of impaired driving, the consequences of allowing others to drive impaired, and the consequences for victims of impaired driving. It also educates about the dangers of being a passenger in a vehicle with an impaired driver. Contact: Sandy Jukes, 1-800-665-6233, sjukes@madd.ca

Yukon Women's Transition Home Society (Yukon Women's Coalition) – \$26,800 for the Prevention of Violence Against Women communication strategy. This project will develop a three- to five-year communication strategy to coordinate campaigns to prevent violence against women. The goal is to coordinate the work done by NGOs in Yukon and to develop a campaign which can be used for several years. Contact: Barbara McInerney, 633-7722, edywth@northwestel.net

Breakdancing Yukon Society (BYS) – \$12,000 for the Cypher Citizens Community Building Internship Program. This project uses dance, video and music to train youth in the value of giving back to community. It will help them develop skills in project management, teaching, choreography, community building, art and performance. The project will employ one youth coordinator and eight interns who will spend mornings working with youth age five through twelve in the BYS summer hip-hop camps. Afternoons will be spent taking workshops and learning. Other activities include creation of an original piece and assisting with the production of *Cypherfest* at the Yukon Arts Centre. Contact: Mell Murray, 335-5606, mellisa.murray@gmail.com

Les Essentielles – \$13,132 for the Ask for it–Get Consent 2014 project. The goal of this project is to educate Yukoners about consent and sexual assault in a manner that encourages healthy and consenting sexual relationships. Trained volunteers will engage the public in conversation about consent through interactive activities. The project will target youths and adults at various events and festivals. Contact: Natasha Harvey, 668-2636, elles@lesessentielles.ca

Skookum Jim Friendship Centre (SJFC) – \$40,772 for the 2014 Keish Summer Day Camps. SJFC will facilitate eight week-long summer camps that provide urban youth with the opportunity to participate in activities such as: museum tours, flat-water canoeing, horseback riding, hiking, camping, sports, go-carting, workshops, t-shirt making, computer labs and boat tours. The "Rediscovery Model" – which enhances group dynamics of cooperation, trust building, forest appreciation, sensory acuity, rapport, creativity and team building – is used to guide the activities. Contact: Matthew Morningstar, 633-7691, sjfc recreation@northwestel.net

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