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Sport and athlete funding supports Yukon organizations

WHITEHORSE – A total of \$423,000 for the Yukon Sport for Life and Elite Athlete funding programs was announced today by the Community Services Minister Archie Lang at a community gathering.

Twenty-four Yukon sport governing bodies together received \$358,450, the Elite Athlete program was awarded \$50,000 and another \$14,550 went to qualified athletes travelling within Yukon for 2010-11.

"I am pleased to announce our continued support for our excellent sports organizations through the Yukon Sport for Life program," Lang said. "This program encourages healthy lifestyle choices and contributes to the quality of life for youth, seniors and Yukoners of all ages. Regular exercise and increased participation in sport and physical activities improve physical and mental well-being."

The Yukon Sport for Life initiative enhances athlete and coaching development in the territory from grassroots to elite levels. It also aims to boost rural, Aboriginal and female participation in physical activity and competitive sports.

"In recognition of our nationally and internationally renowned athletes and coaches, I am also pleased to announce ongoing support for the Elite Athlete program, which helps top athletes strive to achieve their goals," Lang said. "We believe that the success of these Yukon athletes illustrates the value of our ongoing financial support for sport and recreation."

Currently four Yukon athletes qualify for Elite Athlete funding: Zach Bell for cycling, Brittane Laverdure for wrestling, and MacKenzie Downing and Alexandra Gabor for swimming.

Grants are determined by a jury of members representing the sport community and the Yukon government.

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See backgrounder below.

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Yukon Sport for Life funding for 2010-11**Yukon Sport Governing Bodies**

Alpine Skiing	\$ 3,000
Badminton	13,000
Basketball	13,000
Biathlon	7,500
Cross-country skiing	56,500
Curling	9,500
Equine	700
Figure skating	27,500
Freestyle skiing	19,000
Golf	13,000
Gymnastics	23,500
Hockey	39,700
Judo	5,000
Orienteering	5,000
Shooting	2,000
Snowboarding	11,500
Soccer	37,500
Speed skating	10,000
Squash	3,750
Swimming	29,000
Synchronized swimming	2,000
Table Tennis	3,000
Tennis	6,300

Volleyball	17,500
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Sport Governing Body Funding Total *	\$358,450
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Elite Athlete funding	\$ 50,000
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Within-Yukon travel support	\$ 14,550
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Total Funding	\$ 423,000
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* Funding for the sport governing bodies was shared among four categories: Athlete Development (\$169,000); Rural and Aboriginal Participation (\$38,950); Coach Salary Subsidy (\$120,000); and Coaching Enhancement (\$30,500).

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