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Funding doubles for three youth organizations

WHITEHORSE – Premier Dennis Fentie today announced increased funding of \$330,000 for a total of \$660,000 for 2010-11 for three youth organizations to help them undertake long-term planning and to provide staff with more stability.

"We are pleased to double our yearly contribution to the Boys and Girls Club of Whitehorse, the Youth of Today Society and Bringing Youth Towards Equality," Fentie said. "We recognize the importance of the services and support these organizations and their volunteers provide for our youth, and this funding increase is in response to their request to help them meet their ongoing operational costs."

The enhanced funding level will be presented to the legislature for approval in the spring sitting. The government has committed to providing this level of funding for the next three years.

"These organizations help to improve the lives of youth through after-school programs and outreach projects and by providing opportunities for youth to become involved in their communities," Fentie said.

The Yukon government also supports other community-based youth activities through its \$200,000 annual contribution to the Winter Youth Activities Program, managed by the Youth Directorate.

This year the Youth Directorate will also provide a total of \$40,000 to eight youth groups to complement the Department of Justice's Youth Leadership summer program, which provided \$121,500 to nine communities in 2009-10.

The Yukon government also helps youth by supporting le Comité Espoir Jeunesse with a \$25,000 annual contribution.

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Premier Dennis Fentie poses with members of the Boys and Girls Club of Whitehorse, the Youth of Today Society and Bringing Youth Towards Equality. The three groups each received increased funding to help them deliver their programs.

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