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Cultural Industries Training Fund reinstated

WHITEHORSE – The Cultural Industries Training Fund (CITF) has been reinstated, Education Minister Patrick Rouble announced today.

The CITF was established in 1999 to support training in the cultural sector to allow for employment opportunities and to make cultural industry entrepreneurs and businesses more competitive. The fund has always been governed by representatives from various cultural industry sectors and administered from within the cultural community.

A new agreement between the Government of Yukon and the Yukon Arts Centre Corporation has been signed. The CITF will now be administered by the Yukon Arts Centre. "The Department of Education values the arts community and its contributions to Yukon's culture and economy," Rouble said. "Our government is committed to supporting the Cultural Industries Training Fund because it is an important way to assist people working in Yukon's cultural sector in growing their talents and expertise."

"Yukon Arts Centre's participation in the CITF directly supports two of our key goals," Yukon Arts Centre CEO Al Cushing stated. "We want to ensure that there will be arts learning opportunities for cultural workers, artists and patrons of all ages, and that all Yukoners will continue to benefit from a strong and expanding cultural economy. The program is a natural next step that builds on our community engagement work and the arts development work supported by the Culture Quest fund."

"The Department of Education is pleased to partner with the Yukon Arts Centre to continue support for Yukon's vibrant cultural industries," Rouble added.

The Yukon Arts Centre will administer the \$50,000 available to the CITF for the remainder of the 2010–11 fiscal year and continue to administer the fund in future years. Commencing on November 29, people who work in Yukon's cultural industries who want to access financial support under the fund should contact the fund administrator Michele Emslie at 867-667-8476 for details. Applications will be reviewed, and grants approved, by an independent Cultural Sectors Review Committee that will meet at least four times a year.

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