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Projects share crime prevention and victim services trust fund money

WHITEHORSE - The Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund is awarding \$118,385 to support projects aimed at crime prevention and victim services in five Yukon communities.

The Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund is awarded to projects designed to:

- provide services and information to support victims of offences;
- help reduce the incidence of crime;
- address the root cause of criminal behaviour;
- prevent violence against women and children; and
- publicize information about crime prevention and how people can protect themselves from becoming victims.

"It is essential that adequate support is available for victims," Justice Minister Marian C. Horne said. "This funding will assist constructive programming and initiatives aimed at reducing crime in our Yukon communities."

The trust fund is supported through a variety of sources as outlined in the *Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Act*.

Since its inception in 1998, the trust fund has awarded over \$2.5 million toward crime prevention and victim service projects in Yukon.

The board reviews proposals and awards money twice a year; the next intake deadline is April 1.

"These projects are developed by local groups and launched in their own communities, ensuring that crucial issues are being addressed in the right areas," Horne said.

The public is invited to donate money to support community projects by contacting the Victim Services and Community Justice branch at 867-667-8746.

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See backgrounder below.

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Fall 2009 Projects

Projects that received Crime Prevention and Victim Services funding from the 2009 fall intake:

- The Whitehorse Aboriginal Women's Circle is receiving \$72,585 to hire an Aboriginal Women's Advocate. Contact Adeline Weber at 867-668-7532.
- The First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun is getting \$20,000 to support the development of a Safe Room network. Contact Sandy Washburn at 867-996-2265.
- The Help and Hope for Families Society is receiving \$1,300 to offer a workshop on How Childhood Trauma Relates to Violence Against Women and Children. Contact Anne Gibbs at 867-536-7233.
- Nakai Theatre is receiving \$18,000 to develop and launch The Home Project, a theatre project examining the links between homelessness and violence. Contact David Skelton at 867-393-6042.
- The Youth of Today Society is getting \$6,500 for its Blue Feather Feeding Program, providing hot meals for youth attending the drop-in centre. Contact Vicki Durrant at 867-633-9867.

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