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Yukon Museums Receive Funding for Collections, Exhibits and Income Generation

WHITEHORSE – Twelve Yukon museums and First Nation cultural / heritage centres, along with the Yukon Historical and Museums Association, will share \$300,000 to support capital projects.

"We are pleased to support Yukon's museums, interpretive centres and First Nation cultural / heritage centres," Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor said. "The preservation of our heritage protects the story of who we are as Yukoners and shares the richness of this history with visitors to the North."

The Special Projects Capital Assistance Program provides assistance with joint marketing initiatives, capital acquisition/improvements, artifact inventory and cataloguing, exhibit planning and development, conservation, and revenue generation. Since the start of the program in 2006, \$1.24 million has been allocated, including this intake, to assist museums throughout Yukon.

This year the Dawson City Museum received funding for two projects including: \$26,775 for collections cataloguing, and \$10,989 to upgrade the museum's computers.

"We are very grateful for the investment made by the Department of Tourism and Culture," executive director Laura Mann said. "The contribution to collections work and upgrades to museum equipment provides essential support for the current and future goals of the museum."

During the fiscal year 2009-10, the Department of Tourism and Culture will provide over \$1.3 million in direct funding support to Yukon's museums, interpretive and First Nation cultural / heritage centres. For more information on this funding program visit www.tc.gov.yk.ca/475.html

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See list of 2009-10 recipients below.

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2009-10 Special Projects Capital Assistance Program Recipients:

Applicant	Name of Project	Amount
Binet House Interpretive Centre	Binet House Museum artifact inventory and cataloguing artifacts	\$ 5,470
Campbell Region Interpretive Centre (CRIC)	Interior renovations at CRIC to the floor plan, including the replacement of existing flooring and other repairs	\$ 11,894
Copperbelt Railway and Mining Museum	Collections Management Project – artifact inventory and cataloguing	\$ 19,576
Copperbelt Railway and Mining Museum	Small Capital Improvements – partial funding support to address artifact storage and other capital improvements	\$ 6,608
Da Ku Centre	Heritage Exhibit "Welcome to Our Country" – development of an exhibit by providing partial funding assistance for the purchase of exhibits cases and materials	\$ 13,366
Dawson City Museum	Collections Phase II – artifact inventory and cataloguing	\$ 26,775
Dawson City Museum	Computer Upgrade – purchase of new computers	\$ 10,989
George Johnston Museum	Radio Repeater Station Exhibit Gallery – development and production of interpretive materials	\$ 23,900
George Johnston Museum	Collections Cataloguing - artifact inventory and cataloguing	\$ 6,175
Keno City Mining Museum	Exhibit Development – planning and development of a variety of exhibits	\$ 6,605
MacBride Museum	Making Money in Tough Times – Museum to develop new unique Yukon products	\$ 20,000
MacBride Museum	Collection Work – artifact inventory and cataloguing	\$ 15,597
Northern	Travelling Photo Exhibit – development of a	\$ 2,455

Lights Centre	travelling exhibit featuring Yukon wildflowers	
Old Log Church Museum	Brand Strategy, Marketing and Tactical Plan – revenue generation	\$ 30,650
Old Log Church Museum	Electrical and Storage Upgrades – necessary building upgrades	\$ 4,258
Tagé Cho Hudän Interpretive Centre	Outdoor Projects – necessary upgrades to outdoor exhibits	\$ 18,021
Yukon Historical and Museums Association	Joint Marketing Initiative – cooperative marketing ventures for Yukon museums	\$ 30,770
Yukon Transportation Museum	Collections Management 201 – artifact inventory and cataloguing	\$ 23,601
Yukon Transportation Museum	Creating a Moving Experience: Phase 1 – development of an interpretive and exhibit plan	\$ 23,290
	TOTAL:	\$300,000

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(left to right): Minister Elaine Taylor with Dawson City Museum Executive Director Laura Mann, Trustees Debbie Winston and Paula Hassard, and Klondike MLA Steve Nordick

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