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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 \$107,500 to support seven projects aimed at crime prevention and victim services in five Yukon communities, Justice Minister Mike Nixon announced today.

The projects will take place in the communities of Dawson City, Faro, Haines Junction, Teslin and Whitehorse.

"The funding announcements I am making today will strengthen our communities and assist groups of Yukoners to help their communities prevent crime and victimization. I am pleased to announce the continued funding for this worthwhile programming," Nixon said.

The Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund awards money 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.

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

The Board of Trustees reviews proposals and awards money twice a year. The next deadline for funding is September 4. For more information about the fund visit the Crime Prevention Funding Programs webpage.

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

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See backgrounder below for a list of projects.

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Backgrounder:**Spring 2012 Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund awards**

- Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon was awarded \$3,000 to support its Dawson City Literacy/Wilderness Day Camp. Contact Stephanie Hammond at 1-867-668-5167.
- Teslin Tlingit Council will receive \$22,000 in support of its Drum Making Course. Contact Bev Morris at 1-867-390-2532, local 322.
- Les EssentiElles was awarded \$15,500 to support the I Get Consent 2012 project at Yukon music festivals. Contact Ketsia Houde at 867-668-2636.
- Yukon Aboriginal Women's Council was awarded \$30,000 to support the Yukon Sisters in Spirit Family Gathering. Contact Jayla Rousseau-Thomas at 867-667-6162.
- Faro Arts and Recreation Association will receive \$4,300 for its Girls Night Out Retreat: Preventing Violence. Contact Heather Grantham at 867-994-2006.
- Yukon Circle of Change was awarded \$19,000 in support of its Growing the Be the Change Movement projects in Whitehorse and Haines Junction. Contact Helen Anne Girouard at 867-633-6719.
- Skookum Jim Friendship Centre was awarded \$13,700 to assist with its Summer Canoe Camp. Contact Mike Evans at 867-633-7691.

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