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Government supports community youth projects

WHITEHORSE—Yukon youth will benefit from a contribution of almost \$53,000 from the Youth Investment Fund that will support 21 projects across the territory.

"The Yukon government is very pleased to support this range of projects that will enrich the lives of young people in Yukon," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "Helping our youth develop important life skills and have access to a range of opportunities is one of the best investments we can make in Yukon's future."

Supported projects include a therapeutic riding program, a dance teacher training program, a culture camp, a girls club, a youth art enrichment project, and a bike camp. These projects will take place in a number of communities including Carcross, Carmacks, Dawson City, Faro, Pelly Crossing and Teslin.

Sponsored by the departments of Education, Health and Social Services, Justice and Community Services, the Youth Investment Fund supports short-term community-driven initiatives throughout Yukon, addressing the needs and interests of youth under 19 years of age.

Community groups can apply for up to \$5,000, twice per year. Since the fund's inception in 1995, 584 projects have been supported. The next deadline for applications is October 1.

The Youth Directorate's goals are to increase youth awareness and involvement in programs throughout Yukon, help youth contribute to their communities and improve the health of Yukon youth. For more information visit the Youth Directorate.

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Background

The total amount of awarded funding is \$52,600 which will be distributed to the following groups/projects:

Group/Association	Project
Freedom Trails Therapeutic Riding Association	Therapeutic Riding Program
Gentle Steps Equine Assisted Learning Centre	Equine Assisted Learning & Parent Support
Carcross Recreation Board	Swim On 2012
Breakdancing Yukon Society	Dance Teacher Training Program
Bringing Youth Towards Equality Society	BYTE's Community Outreach: Facilitation Team
Eliza Van Bibber School	Learning the Music of the Northern Tutchone Culture
First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Youth	First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Culture Camp
Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon	LDAY Youth Leadership Adventure Camp
Music Yukon	Arts in the Park – Youth Initiative
Skookum Jim Friendship Centre	Wise Girls
Velonorth Bike Club	Yukon Bike Camp Series
Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre	VFWC Girls Club
Village of Carmacks	After School Programming
Village of Teslin	Youth working together with a local artist to design tourism end product

Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon	Dawson City Literacy Tutoring/Wilderness Camp
Yukon Association for Community Living	Celebrate Summer Inclusively
Dawson City Arts Society	KIAC Youth Art Enrichment
The Municipality of the Town of Faro	Youth Taking Charge
Yukon Roller Girls	Yukon Junior Roller Derby: Autumn Boot Camp
Yukon First Nations Graduation Society	Yukon First Nation Graduation Ceremony
Porter Creek School Council	Challenge Day & Be the Change Movement Follow Up

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