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Nearly \$1.4 million in sport and recreation funding announced

WHITEHORSE—More than \$970,000 will be awarded in Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee (YRAC) grants and more than \$400,000 in funding for athlete and coaching enhancement initiatives under the Yukon Sport for Life and Elite Athlete (YS4L) programs, Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor announced today.

"I am pleased to announce our continued support for Yukon's sport and recreation organizations, our athletes, coaches and officials, all of whom contribute tremendously to building healthy and vibrant communities throughout Yukon," Taylor said. "This annual funding provides vital support to sport and recreation programs for Yukoners of all ages."

Under YRAC, 36 sport organizations and recreation groups will share \$876,067, and 29 athletes and five officials will share \$100,000. Under the Yukon Sport for Life Program, 23 Yukon sport governing bodies will share \$348,000 for enhanced athlete and coaching development programs. An additional \$59,500 in Elite Athlete Program funding will be distributed among seven Yukon nationally-ranked elite athletes.

"Thanks to YRAC funding, Yukon provides a full continuum of sport opportunities to Yukoners with an intellectual disability," Special Olympics executive director Serge Michaud said. "This funding will have a positive impact on the quality of life for many Special Olympic athletes."

For a complete list of the grants awarded visit Sport and Recreation at:
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Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee (YRAC) grants

Funding for the annual YRAC grants is made possible by a revenue sharing agreement between Yukon Lottery Commission and Government of Yukon. The grants are adjudicated by the Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee and administered by Community Services. A Yukon Recreation

Advisory Committee jury representing the sport community and the Yukon government also allocates funding for the High Performance Athletes and Officials Program.

Yukon Sport for Life Program & Elite Athlete Program

The Yukon Sport for Life program focuses on enhancing athlete and coaching development in the territory at high performance and elite levels. It also aims to encourage rural and Aboriginal participation in sport.

Yukon's elite athletes include seven who are carded* members of Team Canada , including cyclist Zach Bell, wrestler Brittanee Laverdure, swimmer MacKenzie Downing, weightlifter Jeane Lassen, and cross country skiers Emily Nishikawa, Graham Nishikawa and David Greer.

*A carded athlete is a Canadian athlete identified by National Sport Organizations using criteria established by Sport Canada as performing at or having the greatest potential to achieve top 16 results at Olympic/Paralympic Games and World Championships. (See www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1267374509734)

2012 – 2013 Sport Organizations Funding by Funding Program

Organization	YRAC*	YS4L**	TOTAL
Alpine Ski Association	\$11,500	\$2,000	\$13,500
Arctic Edge Skating Club	8,800	23,000	31,800
Athletic Yukon	955		955
Basketball Yukon	33,000	37,500	70,500
Biathlon Yukon	11,000		11,000
Canoe and Kayak	2,562		2,562
Cross Country Yukon	92,000	58,500	150,500
Cycling Association of Yukon	5,000	4,000	9,000
Equine Association of Yukon	4,500	2,600	7,100
Judo Yukon	7,500		7,500
Snowboard Yukon Association	5,500	7,500	13,000
Softball Yukon	20,250		20,250

Sport Yukon	132,000		132,000
Squash Yukon	15,000	8,700	23,700
Swim Yukon	39,000	31,000	70,000
Synchro Yukon Association	4,500	500	5,000
Table Tennis Yukon	3,000	1,000	4,000
Tennis Yukon Association	8,500	13,200	21,700
Volleyball Yukon	24,000	12,500	36,500
Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle		14,000	14,000
Yukon Amateur Hockey Association	70,000	33,200	103,200
Yukon Amateur Speed Skating Association	11,500	12,200	23,700
Yukon Badminton Association	8,500	3,500	12,000
Yukon Curling Association	13,000	5,500	18,500
Yukon Freestyle Ski Association	7,000	12,500	19,500
Yukon Golf Association	5,500	5,000	10,500
Yukon Gymnastic Association	27,500	19,500	47,000
Yukon Orienteering Association	7,500	1,100	8,600
Yukon Shooting Federation	3,000		3,000
Yukon Soccer Association	90,000	39,500	129,500
Total Funding for Sport Organizations	\$672,067	\$348,000	\$1,020,067

Yukon Special Recreation Groups

ElderActive Recreation Association	\$15,000	\$15,000
Girl Guides – Yukon Council	14,000	14,000
Recreation & Parks Association of the Yukon	63,000	63,000
Skookum Jim Friendship Centre	63,000	63,000
Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle	17,000	17,000
Yukon Scout Council	10,000	10,000
Yukon Special Olympics	22,000	22,000
Total Special Recreation Groups	\$204,000	\$204,000

TOTAL Funding	\$876,067	\$348,000	\$1,224,067
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2012 – 2013 High Performance Program (YRAC)

Officials

Bachli, Joyce	\$500
Choy, Kelly	1,000
Gaw, Tony	1,000
Stuart, Brian	500
Swim Yukon	1,000
Total High Performance Officials	\$4,000

Athletes

Abbott, Colin	\$5,500
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Beatty, Dahria	7,000
Braga, Haley	2,750
Bray, Trevor	1,500
Brook, Fabian	4,500
Burlingame, Ryan	2,250
Clarke, Heather	1,750
Curtis, Jennifer	2,250
Duncan, Chelsea	1,750
Duncan, Jenna	1,750
Gonda, David	2,500
Greer, Janelle	7,000
Hawkings, Lee	2,000
Henry, Troy	3,500
Hoffman, Bryn	3,750
Johnsgaard, Knute	7,000
Kolton, Sarah	1,750
Mahoney, Will	1,750
McArthur, Erin	2,750
McLean, Caelan	500
Melvin-McNutt, Max	3,250
Murray, Kendra	2,000

Parry, John	4,000
Pettitt, Rachell	3,750
Reams, Jessie	4,000
Sabo, Ray	3,000
Scoffin, Thomas	4,000
Skerget, Spencer	1,750
Young, Mitchell	1,750
Total High Performance Athletes	\$ 91,000
<i>Potential World Championship Bonuses</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
Total High Performance Program	\$100,000

2012 – 2013 Elite Athletes Program (Y4SL)

Elite Athletes (Carded by Sport Canada)

Zach Bell	\$8,500
Mackenzie Downing	8,500
David Greer	8,500
Jeane Lassen	8,500
Brittanee Laverdure	8,500
Emily Nishikawa	8,500
Graham Nishikawa	8,500

Total Elite Athletes

\$59,500

* YRAC - Yukon Rec Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee

**YS4L - Yukon Sport for Life Program

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