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**YUKON GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS COMMUNITY YOUTH PROJECTS**

WHITEHORSE –Yukon youth will benefit from \$43,698 for 25 projects supported by the Youth Investment Fund.

The projects cover a variety of Yukon-wide youth centre activities, leadership training, after-school activities, physical activities and cultural events and workshops.

The successful projects were announced today by the ministers of the fund's sponsoring departments: Premier Dennis Fentie, minister responsible for the Youth Directorate; Community Services Minister Glenn Hart; Health and Social Services Minister Brad Cathers; Women's Directorate Minister Elaine Taylor; Justice Minister Marian C. Horne and Education Minister Patrick Rouble.

The Youth Investment Fund supports community-driven initiatives aimed at addressing the needs of Yukon youth. Many of the projects are designed to help youth susceptible to "at risk" behaviors or those who are considered to be "at risk".

"The Government of Yukon continues to be committed in providing opportunities for youth through supportive initiatives such as the Youth Investment Fund," Dennis Fentie, minister responsible for the Youth Directorate, said.

"Being a non-profit organization, the funding received from the Youth Investment Fund is extremely helpful as we begin our much anticipated Keish Summer Day Camps for the 2007-08 fiscal year," Skookum Jim Friendship Centre Recreation Coordinator Chris Nash said. "Our goal is to eliminate barriers of participation for youth, and with help from funders such as the Youth Investment Fund, we have been successful in making our day camps accessible to all youth, and we look forward to offering this successful project in the future."

"The Youth Investment Fund has helped B.Y.T.E.'s community outreach project move forwards," B.Y.T.E. Executive Director Rachel Parks said. "The fund enables young people to be drawn in to positive community based activities."

Since the fund's inception in 1995, 406 projects have been funded. The deadline for the next round of applications is October 1.

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Attachment: List of Youth Investment Fund Spring 2007 Recipients

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Group/Association	Project name	Amount awarded
Lorne Mountain Community Association	Youth fest	\$3,438
Bringing Youth Towards Equality (B.Y.T.E.)	Connecting Yukon Youth	\$3,000
Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation	Carmacks youth outreach project	\$3,000
Skookum Jim Friendship Centre	Keish Summer Camps	\$3,000
Carcross Recreation Board	Make the Team	\$2,500
Kwänlin Koyotes	Kwänlin Koyotes – Mountain Trails 2007	\$2,500
Help and Hope for Families Society	Girls mentorship and beading program	\$2,040
Breakdancing Yukon Society	Emerging Artist Development Program	\$2,000
F.H. Collins Secondary School	Challenge Day	\$2,000
Yukon Association of Community Living	Inclusive summer supported recreation	\$2,000
Yukon Youth Outdoor Leadership Association	Climbing adventure program	\$2,000
Yukon Canoe and Kayak Club	River Raiders Youth Leader Development	\$1,600
City of Whitehorse – Parks and Recreation	Youth Leaders in Training	\$1,530
City of Dawson	Youth summer programming and leadership development	\$1,500
Senior Metro Soccer League	Soccer explosion	\$1,320
Liard First Nation	Summer blast day camp program	\$1,250
Champagne and Aishihik First Nations	Whitewater rafting in Ancestral lands	\$1,200
Dawson Shelter Society	Youthline	\$1,200
Tagish Community Association	Tagish water dragons	\$1,200
Faro Arts and Recreation Association	Faro soccer program	\$1,120
Council of Yukon First Nations	Yukon First Nations Graduation Ceremony	\$1,000
Dawson City Arts Society	KIAC Youth Art Enrichment	\$1,000
Watson Lake Secondary School	School climbing wall	\$1,000
Longest Night Society	True Stories youth show	\$800
Tantalus School Council	Carmacks Youth guitar program	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$43,698</b>