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## **GOVERNMENT RENEWS ITS COMMITMENT TO LITERACY FUNDING**

WHITEHORSE – Thanks to continued support from the Government of Yukon, the Literacy Action Committee has dispersed another round of funds to a number of valuable literacy projects throughout the territory.

Approximately \$60,000 will be awarded to 15 groups operating literacy initiatives throughout the Yukon. The Literacy Action Committee met in January to consider 22 proposals totaling \$106,000.

“Due to the positive results of projects funded by the Literacy Action Committee last year, this government is making the commitment to renew its support in this area,” Education Minister John Edzerza said. “Literacy is a priority for this government because we want Yukoners to have access to the training they need to succeed in the work force and in their communities.”

The funding for the Literacy Action Committee is made possible through the government’s Yukon Literacy Strategy.

“There is a need for literacy programming here in the Yukon and through direction from the Yukon Literacy Strategy, we are allocating funds to where they will be of greatest benefit to all Yukoners,” Edzerza added.

“I am extremely pleased with the response from throughout the Yukon for this round of funding, Literacy Action Committee Chair George Green said. “This again demonstrates the importance given to identifying and meeting literacy needs by our communities. The Literacy Action Committee is delighted to be able to work with our many Yukon partners to help make a positive difference for many Yukon people and families.”

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Attachment: Awards allocated through Literacy Action Committee Funding

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### Awards Allocated through Literacy Action Committee Funding

Organization	Activity	Total Approved
Whole Child Program	Literacy Kits Lending Library	\$2,505
Les EssentiElles	Family Literacy	\$3,100
Dawson Daycare	Preschool Program	\$6,000
Yukon College-Dawson Essential Skills Committee	Adult Literacy Resources	\$2,356
Society of Yukon Family Dayhomes	Literacy Enhancement	\$5,350
Partners for Children	Literacy Theatre	\$4,626
Teslin Community Library	Adult Literacy	\$2,880
La Garderie du Petit Cheval Blanc	Resources	\$6,000
Town of Faro	Rec. and Read	\$6,000
Child Development Centre	CDC Library	\$4,200
Teslin Play School Association	Little Munchkins Reading Program	\$2,325
Yukon Association for Community Living	Plain Language Facilitation	\$4,665
Yukon Literacy Coalition	Yukon Family Literacy Day Celebrations	\$6,000
Kluane First Nation	Burwash Landing Literacy Project	\$3,167
Youth of Today Society	Blue Feather Press Release Project	\$5,910