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**GOVERNMENT CONTINUES INVESTMENT IN TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YUKONERS**

WHITEHORSE – Education Minister Patrick Rouble has announced that the Department of Education will continue its investment in Community Training Funds (CTF). This is a targeted approach to training that helps Yukoners across the territory take advantage of local employment opportunities.

“Under the 07/08 budget, the Yukon government allocated nearly \$1.5 million to Community Training Funds,” Rouble said. “The government sees this kind of investment as integral to supporting our healthy, thriving community.”

CTF continues to provide a variety of training opportunities for Yukoners by supporting various projects in trades and technology, literacy, basic employment skills development as well as heritage and cultural worker development.

“Thanks to the funds that Yukon Women in Trades and Technology (YWITT) have received, the level of programming we are able to offer to women interested in the trades is greatly enriched,” YWITT Program Coordinator Betty Irwin, said. “Without money from CTF, we would not be able to offer programs and services such as the Young Women Exploring Trades Conference.”

“As Yukoners continue to enhance their skills and training, they increase their employment options,” Rouble said. “CTF plays an important role in developing these skills through targeted, specific training opportunities.”

There are three main types of community training funds: industry or sector based, community based, and project specific. A number of literacy initiatives and programs at Yukon College are also supported through CTF. For more information call 667-5727.

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List of Community Training Funds allocated in the 07/08 budget attached.

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The following funds have been allocated under Community Training Funds in the 07/08 budget:

<b>Community-based funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Klondike Region Training Fund	\$75,000
Carmacks Employment Training Society	\$50,000
<b>Industry/sector-based funds</b>	
Heritage Training Fund (administered by Yukon Historical & Museums Association)	\$60,000
Cultural Industries Training Fund (administered by Music Yukon)	\$75,000
<b>Project-based funds</b>	
Carcross Tagish First Nation - Heavy Equipment Training Association franco-yukonnaise	\$57,500
Challenge Community Vocational Alternatives	\$9,000
Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon	\$42,600
Liard First Nation Development Corporation	\$60,500
Skills Canada - Yukon	\$50,000
Yukon Women Exploring Trades & Technology (YWITT)	\$74,910
Targeted Initiative for Older Workers	\$75,000
ECO Business Survey	\$63,533
Social Assistance Project (in partnership with Health & Social Services)	\$25,000
\$50,000	
<b>CTF funding for Yukon College</b>	
Yukon Women in Trades & Technology (YWITT)	\$78,516
Work place Language Training	\$36,878
Enhanced Language Training	\$15,500
Industrial Safety Training	\$27,876
Apprenticeship Preparation Program	\$15,500
Whitehorse Correctional Centre based training	\$50,000
Kwanlin Dun House of Learning	\$75,000
Electrical Program Modifications	\$ 44,000
Welding Pre-employment Course	\$77,999
Pipe Trade Modifications Course	\$109,095
<b>Literacy Funding</b>	
Yukon Literacy Coalition	\$41,087
Literacy Action Committee	\$120,000
Yukon Learn	\$25,000
<b>Total funding to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,484,494 *</b>

\* Due to revotes from the 06/07 budget, the total amount available for Community Training Funds for 07/08 is \$1,675,109